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## THE INDIAN QUESTION.

### The Great American Desert Reclaimed for Vegetable Life.

### Methodist Mission—Homes for the Homeless—Smoking Out Unworthy Agents—Gen. Howard's Mission to Arizona.

About twelve years since a visit was paid to the Pacific coast by three of our great men—Vice-President COLFAX, Ex-Gov. BROSS and Dr. GREELEY. Of course this trip, via Denver, was made entirely by WELLS, FARGO & Co.'s stage-coaches, which gave these observers an excellent opportunity of seeing the country, and telling us all about the features of the "Great American Desert." In those days Indians seldom troubled the stage-coaches, for there was plenty of game; but since the railroads in Kansas and Nebraska have been built not a buffalo has been seen by the writer all along the line of the Platte River; prairie dogs and antelope alone remain along that thoroughfare. Mr. GREELEY then took into his head that the portion of country children see on their maps as the "Great American Desert" was "fit for naught save to fill up between commercial cities."

But experience has taught a different lesson, and today we find a colony planted in Colorado of several thousand industrious people, tilling the soil and raising monstrous-sized vegetables along the Cache la Poudre Creek; while the town is named after the philosopher—"Greeley." These lands in Colorado, Nebraska, Dakota and Kansas are fast being taken up by settlers from the East, and opening up a highway for commerce, for comfort and fortune to thousands of poor people who are toiling here for a bare subsistence, but many of whom are waiting for means to go West and locate on the rich lands that invite cultivation. Two young men, emigrants from England, known to the writer, started out two years ago, with an outfit for one year only of such clothing, food and farming utensils as were needed, and located in Kansas on a fertile stream. The corn of the first year's crop paid all expenses, and in part for the land, enabling them the second year to take up an additional section of "school land." They have had no trouble with Indians, nor need any enterprising young men have, who go out West to farm, or herd cattle or sheep, if they leave the Indians alone.

THE CROW INDIANS.

The Crow Indians, located in Montana, have sent their agent, Mr. PEASE, East, to secure some advantages for them in securing their reservation from trespassers. From Mr. PEASE we learn, that all the tribes along the Missouri River have been at peace for more than a year past, save some little difficulties between different tribes, of small moment. The lands of Montana are among the finest in the world, with rich grasses for herding.

INDIAN MISSIONS.

The Methodists commenced in 1614. They claim that the zeal which led JOHN and CHARLES WESLEY to don the surplice and go down into the mines of Cornwall to preach the everlasting Gospel to souls darkened by sin was burning here for the conversion of the red men, and "the origin of Indian missions clearly indicates the hand of Divine Providence." They arose in this wise: Some fifty-five years ago, there dwelt in Marietta, on the banks of the Ohio, a colored man named JOHN STEWART. He was deeply pious, and seemed to have close and constant communion with God. He was powerfully impressed that it was his duty to go through the thinly-settled country to the north-west on some Divine mission which he did not comprehend. He set out from home and traveled to the vicinity of Upper Sandusky, in Ohio, where he found the Wyandotte tribe of Indians.

The same strange impression which called him to his feet now constrained him to halt. The Indians gathered round him, but could not talk with him. At length they remembered that there was a man of his color residing among them, and they brought JOHNATHAN PAINTER to him. As soon as they met they knew they were of the same race, and spoke to each other in English. STEWART learned that JONATHAN ran away from Kentucky some ten years before from slavery; that he had been a Methodist, but had lost his religion and become a savage Indian, and spoke their language fluently.

"God," said STEWART to JONATHAN, "has sent you here to assist me in what I feel is my mission. I must preach the Gospel to these Indians to-morrow, and you must be my interpreter."

The tears gushed out of JONATHAN'S eyes, and he exclaimed, "How can I interpret the Gospel to the Indians when I have no religion myself?"

"Then," said STEWART, "you must get religion to-night, for to-morrow I must preach to the people, and you must interpret."

All that night JONATHAN wrestled with God in prayer, and STEWART helped him, and the next day they opened the kingdom of God to the Indians.

From this providential beginning our missions among the Indians spread, until they have gone on from Western New-York to Wisconsin, and are under the care of eight Conferences. But upon the division of our Church in 1845 much of the largest portion of the Indian missions fell to the Church South. At present, we employ eleven missionaries, have 1,200 members and 260 probationers, and thirty-three local preachers.

Before the war, the Church South had an Indian mission of two districts and twenty-nine missionaries. * * * To this we are to add the thousands of these children of the forest who have been gathered to their rest in heaven. Many of them gave beautiful examples in their lives and deaths of the power of religion. East of the Rocky Mountains, a partial report of the work gives four churches built, valued at $7,000; with parsonages, $1,000; appropriations, $7,400. It is added: "The Indian policy" of the Government has attracted much and deserved attention. Good fruit has already appeared, and there is promise of much more.

The Pine River mission, in Michigan, gives a good report; 198 members and thirty-four probationers. The Superintendent says: "These Indians have made advancement in civilization, and are well spoken of by their white neighbors, and prospering."

In the new allotment of agencies, Rev. Mr. HARRIS' Secretary says: "In our intercourse with the Department of the Interior and the Indian Bureau, we did not understand that the location we were to sustain to the Government, in this matter, involved the placing or establishing of schools, &c. We understood that we became responsible to the Government in the nomination of agents for the agencies assigned to us, and we endeavored to nominate good men to take charge of them, who would be true to the Government and true to the Indians, and who would not live by stealing." We have five separate missions in the State of Michigan, and three or four of them are served by Indian pastors."

REPORT OF JOHN V. FARWELL.

Mr. FARWELL is a leading merchant of Chicago, a prominent Methodist, and a member of the Commission. He visited the Indians in California lately, and reports:

"At Hoopas Valley I found the remnants of several tribes, numbering in all about 600. They were actively engaged in harvesting wheat, with two or McCORMICK'S reapers—some fifty men and women in one field. There are on this reservation 1,140 acres under fence, 450 of which are cultivated. This year the product has been 4,000 bushels of wheat, 100 tons of hay, 1,000 bushels of apples, and 250 bushels of peaches. There is a saw-mill on the reservation, capable of sawing 1,200 feet of boards per day, and a flouring-mill of the capacity of ten barrels per day."

But, with all the progress in skill and efforts to live like white men, the bane of all is contiguity to bad white men. He says:

"I am satisfied that the immediate presence of the soldiers is a curse to the Indians, and no less so to the soldiers. The Government provides a physician for the Indians and one for the soldiers, and upon inquiry I found that the principal business of each was treating venereal diseases. The officer in command avers that it is an impossibility to prevent this state of things. Whisky is allowed to be sold freely to the soldiers by the post traders. I scarcely know which to pity most, the soldiers or the Indians, under such regulations."

YAKAMA RESERVATION.

This agency of the Methodists is in Washington Territory. Hon. F. R. BRUNMOT, Chairman of the Commission, visited this, among other points, and says: "The Yakama reservation is in extent about fifty by sixty miles. This agency was established (by Government) eleven years ago, at which time the Yakamas and Villikatats were entirely wild, and considered the bravest warriors and best hunters west of the Rocky Mountains. They number about 2 500; more or less of two thousand have made progress and cultivated the soil. A large portion live and dress like white people. They have about 160 houses and about one hundred small barns or stables. They have cut their own logs, hauled them to the mill, and erected their own houses and built their own fences. Under fence, four thousand acres of land, and over three thousand plowed. The agent aids them in breaking their land and starting their farms, after which they require but little more than verbal advice and instruction. Those who till the soil are in comfortable circumstances, and some quite well off. Number of horses estimated from ten thousand to twelve thousand, and cattle 1,400 head.

PIOUS INDIANS.

About two hundred of the Indians are professing Christians, belonging to the Methodist Church. They have taken Christian names, and dress and live as comfortably in their houses as frontier whites. They have two churches, erected by themselves, to suit different neighborhoods, and Sunday service is held in them alternately. Some of the young men were taught to make harness while in the school, and an Indian prentice in the smith-shop, it is thought, will be able to take entire charge of it next year. There are two native preachers, members of the Oregon Conference, who have been educated in the reservation school, and who now preach to their race.

A school under direction of Rev. J. H. WILBUR for ten years has been most successful. It has been conducted as an industrial boarding-school, the boys taught to labor, and all the girls, while learning English branches, to sew and do housework; its usefulness being limited only by means to enlarge its bounds.

I mention an incident here which indicates an unexpected trait in Indian character. Leaving the Indians at the top of the bank at dusk, and coming to the edge of the water, we found a wagon-load of small groceries and other goods scattered along the shore. The owner, a trader from the interior, having them there, crossed the river with me. On being asked if the Indians would not steal them, he replied: "No, Sir. If all the white men were on one side, and all the Indians on the other, I would always leave my goods on the Indian's side."

Again at the Warm Springs Agency, Indians with their wives go away to catch fish at the Falls of the Columbia. The fish are dried and salted on the spot and packed in barrels sunk in the ground, where they remain until required for use in the Winter. Although left in this way for months on the banks of the river, seventy-five miles from their homes, and brought away at intervals, no Indian is ever known to interfere with the stores of another.

The last report of the Methodist Agency here comes from Mr. J. SMITH, who has had five years' experience:

"When I came here first the Indians were as much degraded and low down in the scale of existence as I ever knew, and the persons set over them were, as a rule, but little better. Drunkenness and vice of all kinds were practiced in common between the whites and Indians. Their crops had gone to waste while they were carousing, and a more destitute people either morally or financially, could not well have been found. Polygamy was permitted to the fullest extent. The women were mere beasts of burden, bought and sold, and, when aged and helpless, were remorselessly kicked out to die or live, as best they could.

The Catholic priests claim to have had this people under control for the last twenty-eight years. Granting this to be so, no worse recommendation to them can well be imagined; for, if any religion existed, it was so intertwined with superstition, in such a way that harm was done them.

This is the great work to which my life is devoted, and though I have suffered in a worldly point of view, I trust for a reward when we give in our accounts of our stewardship to the great and good Master.

I hope to receive aid from the Church, thus identifying it with a work as noble as was ever attempted by man, and now is the time for work. The Indians are in the field ready to receive the Gospel, and if we do not they will be led and pushed forward less the [illegible] gelic and careless."

Now that the Methodist Church has committed itself to accept the President's humane policy, on the same footing with other religious bodies, to select the agents, establish schools and open missions in particular fields, large sums of money will be needed for purely missionary work, and surely, if the magnificent palatial head-quarters of the Society on Broadway, the centre of operation, and their immense "Book Concern," is any token of what the followers of WESLEY can do, we may be sure the Secretary, Rev. Dr. MARTIN, has only need to call for the money, and it will come. The success of Methodism, if there is any secret about it, was quaintly defined in answer to a query presented to Dr. BUNTING, the English divine, to which he replied, "Repentance, faith and holiness; a penny a week, and a shilling a quarter."

The Episcopalians ask for only $50,000 this year, through their agent, Col. KEMBLE. Surely the Methodists can more than double that sum.

INITIAL LETTER DIVIDING THE INDIAN AGENCIES AMONG THE CHRISTIAN SOCIETIES.

First in order come the Quakers, the orthodox branch of which society are already established in Kansas and the Western Indian Territory. Going South, next in order come the Baptists in Cherokee country, side by side with the Presbyterians, or rather the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, of which Rev. Mr. TREAT, of Boston, is Secretary. These two societies have the larger part of the mission work to do in the eastern side of the Indian Territory, among the Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws, and others, and although other societies are working there efficiently, the prominence of these two societies seemed to give them the privilege of appointing the Superintendent. Crossing the northern plains of Texas, you meet the Wichitas, Kiowas, Comanches, Cheyennes, Arapahoes and the Apaches. These are now in the care of the Quakers, under the superintendency of ENOCH HOAG.

Next across New-Mexico, which is more directly reached by way of the Kansas Pacific Railroad, you have first the Utes, near Maxwell's ranch, as the base of the Raitoon Mountains. These were assigned to the American Missionary Society, Rev. Mr. WHIPPLE, Secretary; as also the field down into Southern New-Mexico and Arizona, embracing a portion of the Pueblo villages on the Rio Grande and the Apaches of New-Mexico and South-eastern Arizona. Some of the Pueblo villages were claimed by the Roman Catholics as having missions already established.

Passing westward you come to the Navajoes, Moquis, Pimos and the Utes on the San Juan River; these were due the Presbyterians as already established there, and they alone in the field, the Secretary being Rev. Mr. LOUBIE, No. 5 Centre-street, New-York. Most of the sagebrush in Western Arizona come from San Francisco. The tribes there are assigned to the Reformed Church, of which Rev. Mr. FERRIS is Secretary, in New-York. This society was formerly known as the "Dutch" Reformed Church. As

# THE NEW WORLD.

## Gossip From the Plains and the South.

## The Criminal Trials Among the Mormons.

## A Prairie Fire and Winter Hardships in Kansas.

## Scientific Notes About the Sun in Florida.

## Interesting Political News From the New Dominion.

### THE MORMONS.

**The Criminal Trials—Legislative Proceedings—Juries and their Rights—The Constitutional Election—Miscellaneous News.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

SALT LAKE CITY, Friday, March 29, 1872.

"Waiting for the verdict," very aptly characterizes the condition of eager expectancy with which saints and sinners, without distinction, have been anxiously awaiting the decision of the Supreme Court, at Washington, for three weeks past in the case of ENGELBRECHT vs. CLINTON and others. The case was argued a month ago and the decision, when announced, will prove the turning point in the entire struggle here, since it involves the legality of the jury system now adopted by the Federal Judges of the Territory, and under which BRIGHAM YOUNG and all other criminals awaiting trial in the Territory have been indicted.

The Mormon Legislature, by an act passed in 1859, provided for the selection of grand and petit jurors by the County Court, a body unknown to the organic act, under which the Territory was created, and which occupies to the Territory the same relation that its Constitution does to a State. By this body, together with the Territorial Marshal—both of whom are unknown to the organic act and to the laws of the United States—Grand and Petit Jurors had been drawn until the advent of the present Judges—MCKEAN, STRICKLAND and HAWLEY. From the first, these Judges have steadily refused to recognise the right of the County Courts to provide jurors for a superior tribunal, and have decided that these Courts had no legal existence, being unknown to the organic act which defines the judicial power, and creates the Courts in which it shall be vested. They have insisted upon the right to provide their own juries, and for the past twelve months both the Grand and Petit Juries have been summoned by the United States Marshal, upon an open venire directing him to impanel from the body of the people. This constitutes the sole foundation for the charge of "packed juries," which the Mormons have so persistently reiterated ever since the commencement of the State trials now pending. *Hinc illæ lachrimæ.*

The case of ENGELBRECHT *vs.* CLINTON *et al.*, though a civil action, will be decisive upon the jury question, that point being fairly presented and fully argued. If the rulings of the Territorial Supreme Court should be reversed upon this point, the whole struggle is ended in favor of the Mormons. A general jail delivery must follow, such as no civilized community has ever yet witnessed. One hundred and thirty-eight criminals are now under arrest in the Territory, charged with offenses of every nature known to criminal jurisprudence. Every man of them all must be released if the decision at Washington proves adverse to the rulings of the Courts here, and not one of them would ever again be arrested. The County Courts are entirely under the control of the Mormons, and have always been manipulated by the priesthood. No one who is in the least conversant with the situation can suppose for a moment, if a return is had to the jury system devised by a Mormon Legislature, that any member of the Mormon Church whose tithing account is balanced, and who has never received the ban of excommunication, will ever be indicted or tried in the Territory.

Absorbed as public attention has been with speculations upon the probable decision of the jury question by the Supreme Bench at Washington, the problem of the admission of the State of Deseret has been permitted to rise somewhat in interest. It still continues, however, to attract no inconsiderable degree of attention, and the Mormons express themselves quite hopefully as to the result. Taking time by the forelock elections have been held throughout the Territory for members of the Legislature of the new State, if State it shall be, and a representative to Congress has been chosen in the person of Hon. FRANK FULLER, formerly Territorial Secretary, and a member of the recent Constitutional Convention. Mr. FULLER is a former resident of New-York, where he still claims citizenship. He is a man of good abilities and pleasing address, and is one of the Committee of three sent to Washington to present the new Constitution and labor for admission. It was generally supposed, prior to the election, that HOOPER, the present delegate, would be the candidate for Representative, but his aspirations seem to be directed toward a seat in the Senate, with TOM FITCH as his coadjutor in the event of the admission of the new State.

The election upon the adoption of the Constitution passed off quietly, about twenty-five thousand votes being reported by the Church organs as polled on the occasion, all of them in favor of the Constitution. The Gentiles purposely kept aloof from the polls, having resolved upon this course in a public meeting held two days before the election. Your readers are doubtless aware that women are allowed to vote in Utah by an act of the Territorial Legislature, passed at the session of 1870. Fully one-half of the votes polled at the recent election were those of women, and they show a most praiseworthy zeal in the exercise of their newly-bestowed franchise. Indeed, so eager are they to exercise the dearly-prized boon of suffrage, that any little deficiencies in the matter of sex are wholly disregarded. At a municipal election held in this city some weeks since, I witnessed repeated instances of girls not over fourteen or fifteen years of age, voting without question or challenge. At the same election resort was had to the ingenious device of voting by proxy. One mother in Israel, whose venerable husband is absent on a missionary tour, voted for herself and then by proxy for her absent lord and master. Another woman was seen to vote first for herself and then by proxy for three absent sisters, and I am assured by gentlemen of candor and of the utmost verdicty, that numerous instances of a similar nature occurred. I suggest the system of voting by proxy to you in the Metropolis, as an improvement on Tammany's male device of repeating. It certainly is equally efficacious, and has the additional merit of cheapness.

A close observer of this people during my residence among them, and having noted the implicit obedience with which they follow the behests of their priestly leaders in all their affairs, both temporal and spiritual, I yet confess to a considerable degree of surprise at the readiness displayed by them in the recent election to surrender polygamy as the price of their admission to the Union. Nine-tenths of the devotees of this strange religion are as earnest in their faith as any Christians in the land. Their sincerity has been attested by the sincerity with which they have left the bosom of their families, dared the dangers of a perilous journey across the plains in the earlier days of the Territory, and immured themselves in these mountain fastnesses to eke out a miserable existence in a ceaseless round of monotonous and ill-requited toil. With them polygamy is at once a revelation and a sacrament. The Holy Eucharist is not more holy to the disciple of Rome than is the institution of polygamy to the true Latter-Day saint. It comes to him with all the sanctity of revelation, as if with the thunders of Sinai itself, and he can reject it only upon pain of eternal perdition.

Lest I should be suspected of stating the case too strongly, let me extract for the information of the readers of the TIMES the opening lines from the revelation itself. They are as follows:

CELESTIAL MARRIAGE.

A Revelation of the Patriarchal Order of Matrimony, or Plurality of Wives. Given to JOSEPH SMITH, the Seer, in Harmony, July 12, 1843.

Verily, thus saith the Lord unto you, my servant, Joseph, that inasmuch as you have inquired of my hand, to know and understand wherein I, the Lord, justified my servants, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; as also Moses, David and Solomon, my servants, as touching the principle and doctrine of their having many wives and concubines: Behold! and lo, I am the Lord thy God, and will answer thee as touching this matter. Therefore, prepare thy heart to receive and obey the instructions which I am about to give unto you; for all those who have this law revealed unto them must obey the same; for, behold! I reveal unto you a new and an everlasting covenant, and if ye abide not that covenant then are ye condemned; for no one can reject this covenant and be permitted to enter into my glory, &c.

Two years ago, while the Cullom bill was pending in Congress, alarmed at the annihilation of polygamy threatened by that measure, the Saints assembled in convention in this city to enter their solemn protest against any interference by the National Legislature with the doctrines and tenets of their faith, and especially with the cherished feature of polygamy. In that Convention, held March 31, 1870, a protest was unanimously adopted and sent to Congress and to the country at large, in which they asserted that they "looked upon the principle of plural marriage, not simply as an elevating social relationship and a prevention of many terrible evils which afflict our race, but as a principle revealed by God, underlying their every hope of salvation and happiness in time and eternity; that they had been commanded of God, through JOSEPH SMITH, to practice it upon the pain of being damned if they did not; that they had for it warrant of the Holy Scriptures and the example of prophets and righteous men whom God loved, honored and blessed of old; and that the Cullom Bill left them but the cruel alternative of rejecting God's command and abjuring their religion or disobeying the authority of the Government they desired to honor and respect."

I have heard the same doctrine repeated in almost the same words during the past Winter in the Mormon Tabernacle by GEORGE Q. CANNON, one of the twelve Apostles of the Church, and editor of the leading Church organ. And yet only last week, with hardly a dissenting voice, the people of Utah voted to barter away the corner-stone of their faith in exchange for the privileges of Statehood and immunity from Federal rule, and CANNON is one of the three delegates now in Washington to consummate the bargain. Of a religious phenomenon so puzzling and so profound, I leave your readers to work out their own solution.

Socially as faulty as ever, and though the Wasatch Mountains look down upon us from their snowy altitude as forbidding as in mid-winter, in the open valleys below farming operations have fairly begun. Agriculture in Utah is beset with two serious difficulties. The extreme dryness of the climate, and the myriads of grasshopper pests which appear nearly every season in the former evil is readily obviated by irrigation; for the latter no cure has ever yet been invented. We to the unlucky farmer whose fields are attacked by these terrible insects. I have seen an army of them cut their way through a field of growing wheat, and leave as clean a track behind as if a mowing machine had done the work. So serious an obstacle has the grasshopper become in the way of successful farming in these mountain regions that many farmers are turning their attention exclusively to stock raising, which proves an easier and more lucrative means of subsistence. Ten years ago grain, flour and produce were exported from Utah to the surrounding Territories and mining camps; now these articles are largely imported to meet the home demand. The rapid development of mining operations in the Territory renders the disparity between the supply and demand of breadstuffs still greater, and we shall probably have to look to California for a large portion of our supplies for many years to come. J. L. H.

### KANSAS.

**A Prairie Fire—Winter Hardships—Mortality Among Cattle—Hints to Emigrants and Settlers.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

SOLOMON, Kansas, Friday, March 29, 1872.

The prairies, last night, were on fire for miles around, and thick smoke filled the air. As I looked at the surging, billowy masses of burning grass, with sharp tongues of flame leaping high into the air as some more fertile spot was passed, one thought was suggested to me, and that was "a moving sea of fire." On it came, irresistible and terrible. Every few minutes, as the breeze freshened, a whirlwind would be formed in the vanguard of the flame, which, whirling rapidly at the base, would shoot up in spiral rings fifty feet into the air, and then leap from the apex of the fiery cone full fifty more, and spread itself upon the bosom of the gale, a mass of smoke and ashes, to add to the already thickened atmosphere. The noise of its coming was as the roar of the tornado with the addition of the terrific crackling of the dry prairie grass. Horses, cattle, deer, antelope, rabbits and prairie chickens fled before it, becoming so frightened that the approach of man was unheeded for the moment, the one common instinct being to escape the one common danger. The antelope and the wolf sought safety together in the same river bend, nor did the wolf prey upon the antelope nor the antelope shun the wolf.

A dull, dreary prospect is presented by the prairies today. As far as the eye can reach, on all sides, a blackened, charred moor rises up, a picture of desolation, with no apparent promise at all of fruitfulness. A gentle, warm shower this morning broke the sway of the king of terrors, and, as it falls to the earth, we catch the first notes of opening Spring, and feel the return of a new year.

The old year has been a tedious and a very disastrous one for Kansas, as it has for Nebraska. The Winter came on suddenly and early, "fore we were 'ware," and its cold frosts and snows killed and withered the grass, making it unfit for feed. The cattle men here have been so accustomed to feeding their stock on the prairie grass all Winter, that very little preparation was made to feed otherwise. Very little hay in comparison with their need was cured last Summer, and only one favorable circumstance has saved the stock men from utter bankruptcy, and that was the excellent corn crop last year. By the help of this they have been enabled to carry their remnants of herds through till this time, though they are only mere remnants, the stronger cattle have weathered storm and starvation, the weaker ones have gone under, as a glance at the prairie in the vicinity of any herd will readily testify. The ground in some places is thickly strewn with carcasses, and the river banks are covered with them, for the poor creatures would seek water, and having found it, would perish in their tracks, being unable to climb the banks. In many places the county authorities have imposed heavy fines upon land-owners who leave these carcasses unburied, and the movement is becoming general, as indeed it should, to render habitable many portions of this State. These fines I have spoken of are doing their share too in removing these offensive and pestilential wrecks.

Our loss cannot yet be told, for the deaths have not yet ceased, the cold is gone, but "between hay and grass," and with just a taste of the tender, upspringing herbage the cattle refuse hay altogether, and many more will yet die of starvation, though the prospect begins to brighten for better days. A lesson is learned from this Winter's hardships, and that is, that as much preparation for severe weather must be made here in Kansas as elsewhere, as much shelter for stock and nearly as much feed. It is astonishing to see with what reckless stupidity some people have prepared, or, rather, have not prepared, for severe weather. I have known the father, mother and children huddled together around the kitchen stove filled with wood and blazing hot, while at their backs and sides the snow and sleet were beating in upon them through cracks in the house so wide that you could thrust your hand through. The excuse was that "they had been told that Kansas has a warm climate." Well, so she has, as any one may know by visiting here on the plains in dog days when the mercury ranges from 105° to 107° in the shade; but she has a cool climate as well. Ask any of us can testify who have felt the breath of the "norther," with the thermometer at 20° below zero.

Immigrants should understand the facts of the case, however much real estate agents may lie to them, and the TIMES will be doing a bona fide work of charity to publish the truth in regard to our climate. We want immigrants, and can promise them as good soil and as many advantages as any new country. Yes, we can promise large advantages in the way of railroads—but we do not want them to come to us and be disappointed and get disheartened, but come to our sunny land, make ordinary provision for Winter weather, and grow rich upon the products of the soil; from thirty to thirty-five bushels of wheat per acre, forty of corn, eighty of potatoes, and everything in like proportion—these returns are neither maximum nor minimum, but medium. We want settlers to take up the land, improve it, and keep out the fires—the prairies are bare of wood, but I notice where the fires have been kept out for two years the land is thickly studded with young cotton-wood trees, the best wood in the world, but good fire-wood, quick growing, and with a thick, pulpy leaf, which casts a delightful shade, and forms one of the best of all wind-breaks. The black-walnut is another native, and grows readily from seed, and though slower in growth, soon makes a fine shade and very valuable wood when grown.

We have had a number of cases among us, those who came here with expectations raised to the boiling point, and which when once damped have sunk below zero; these are the fault-finders and grumblers, and always look away from home for good, their Eldorado is always in the distance; they are always hoping for a change, and are never satisfied now. Those who realize anything from the soil, or in fact, from anything, are they who persistently *drive at any one thing*, and those who are disappointed are they who are carried away by every kind of promise. I was in hopes of having room for a notice of some of the political questions discussed here, but shall have to leave those until the next letter. W. E. G.

### EAST AND SOUTH FLORIDA.

**The Power of the Sun in the Winter Months—The Temperature of the Rivers and Lakes and of the Sea—Interesting Observations.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

"SUNNY POINT," PALATKA, Saturday, March 23, 1872.

I am waiting here for a few days before going north, to see whatever the equinox is to be in this latitude—whether a dry or a wet one, and whether a quiet or a stormy one. My note-book is crowded with memoranda, (of which I send you an abstract,) made here and there, up and down the country, for the last three months. "Up" here is south always on this side of the peninsula. My notes have been made as far up as Jupiter Inlet, on the coast, and inland on the upper and lower St. John's, and in a number of lakes on the river, and what they call lakes (small fresh-water ponds) back in the high pine woods. The notes on Indian River were made during a fifteen days' yachting expedition in the latter half of February. I send you only a summing up of the whole, leaving out incidents, and what not, which you got abundantly from other sources.

My attention was drawn immediately to the power of the sun in this latitude, and my first observations were made here, (about seventy miles up the St. John's,) in the latter part of January.

I was very much astonished to find that while the thermometer on the east piazza of this house at "Sunny Point," marked only 50° in a cold north wind, another instrument standing on the floor of the south piazza, at the same moment, and a foot from the siding, went up to 100° and upward in the sun, and out of the wind.

These observations are of no value, except when made with great care, as any drift of air will send the mercury down rapidly, when you are taking the power of the sun. It will vary 5°, 10°, 15° and 20° in a very few seconds, unless guarded from air currents. The most satisfactory experiment which I made was on Lake Harney, and which I will give in full, after those made at this place and at Mellenville, about two miles back from Lake Munro, south side. This, in crossing Lake Harney, was done inside the small upper window in my state-room, on the east side of the boat, the wind being from the west or south, and the boat crossing the lake in a north and south line. The observations were made from the moment of sunrise, and continued for thirty minutes, and show a remarkable uniformity of increase in the temperature.

I give now the following at Palatka:

PALATKA, East Florida, Jan. 24, 1872.

| | Air. Degrees. | Sun. Degrees. | Differ. Degrees. |
|---|---|---|---|
| The sun 1 hour high | 45 | 75 | 30 |
| 9¼ o'clock sun 1½ hours high | 49 | 84 | 35 |
| 10 o'clock sun 2 hours high | 50 | 93 | 43 |
| 11 o'clock sun 4 hours high | 50 | 108 | 58 |
| 11 o'clock sun 4 hours high | 50 | 108 | 58 |
| 1 o'clock sun 6 hours high | 46 | 100 | 54 |

SAND PLACE, March 16, 1872—(the Equinox.)

| | Air. Degrees. | Sun. Degrees. | Differ. Degrees. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 o'clock | 72 | 110 | 38 |
| 9 o'clock | 72 | 122 | 50 |
| 9:25 o'clock | 72 | 120 | 48 |
| 9¼ o'clock | 74 | 124 | 50 |
| 9⅝ o'clock | 76 | 123 | 47 |
| 10 o'clock | 77 | 118 | 41 |
| 10 o'clock | 78 | 113 | 35 |

(Observe the difference between the air and the sun, in the *same* at 1 o'clock, Jan. 24 and March 20, although the heat is at a range 10° higher.)

Of course, where there is a difference of 40° to 80° between the sun and the shade, we see at once how the warm days and cool nights are found in this country, and found for so large a portion of the whole year. The simple fact that rain-clouds and fogs do not form or float about much over this peninsula, and that the sun rules the day here, almost invariably, tells the whole story of what there is peculiar in this climate. The excessive heats of Summer are prevented by the quick radiation of heat, from the moment of sunset, giving a cool night, and the cool night is almost always secured by the absence of clouds to shut in the heat. As long as this holds the cool nights continue, without regard to the time or season; but when the clouds settle down over the land, *after a hot day*, there must, of course, be a hot night—just as with us at the north—and this, also, in the Winter as likely as in the Summer. We had one such night down on Indian River, in February, when I found the tent close, and went out and slept on the beach. A musquito-netting, which was not needed, had been thrown over the front of the tent, and made it closer than it would have otherwise been.

The first experience, as given in the above table, happened to come on a very cold day. It was wholly accidental, and must not be taken as any indication of our January weather on this parallel. We had had fifteen days of very fine weather preceding that cold north wind, and the mid-day mark in the shade had gone as high as 78°. The whole Winter in Florida has been cold, however—quite a number of frosts both here and for several hundred miles further south.

But in all my three months, now nearly completed, I haven't lost one day from rain or storm. Of course there has been rain-showers—and some very heavy—but mostly in the night, and all of them easily counted.

After my return from our yachting and canvassing on Indian River, there was a roaring storm—thunder and lightning, and a small earthquake, as I reckoned it—but this also came in the night. Our tent that night was not far off, and the rest of the party were in it, but I was well housed with Col. TITUS at Sand Point.

I give now the result of one observation at Mellenville, Lake Munro, at the Orange House, two miles South of the lake:

MELLENVILLE, Feb. 4, 1872.

| | Air. | Sun. | Difference. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Before sunrise | 50° | .... | .... |
| Sun is an hour high | 60° | 77° | 17° |
| Sun 2½ hours high | 70° | 95° | 25° |
| Sun 6¾ hours high | 84° | 123° | 39° |

On Indian River I did not succeed in finding any great power of the sun, although I went up to the extreme southern inlet, about two hundred miles south-east from Lake Harney. I had no good opportunities in yachting to make any satisfactory observations. The highest record that I have is of 90° at 9 o'clock A. M., (equivalent to 100° and upward at mid-day,) about twenty-five miles north of the first inlet, under what is called there "Two-dollar Bluff"—a high of oyster-shells, twenty-five feet high and half a mile long, abreast of the oyster-beds in the Upper Narrows. It's not at all impossible that the sea-atmosphere, because hot, may have modified the power of the sun; but that did not penetrate the sea air there, didn't feel it, that I recognised it as I hoped to, and as I expected, from the fact that the sea, below Cape Canaveral, is only two or two miles away, and as I did find it afterward, at St. Augustine, only that week, when the thermometer went down from 80° in the woods, on their one-horse railroad—half way over from Tocoi, to 70° at the station at St. Sebastian River.

I shall have to take another Winter, if I live, to find out what's the matter with the sea down there at Jupiter. I got into it every day when I was near it and the sharks would give me a chance, but the sea-air, the genuine flavor of Long Branch and Newport, seemed to go lacking.

The temperature of the sea at the time, Feb. 7, 17th, 24th, ranged from 69° to 69°, and warmest at the flood.

We never or seldom bathe at Long Branch, at those low figures, because when the sea is so cold, the air is also at a low temperature, (*i. e.* it is apt to be; but at Indian River, the sun and air help you out of the difficulty, and so all through Florida, but with a cold north wind blowing, no one would care to bathe, however warm the sea might be, and whether here on this coast or up on the Jersey shore, it is all one. On the still warm mornings I got into the Indian River, and into the sea, with great satisfaction, and as I slept for a fortnight on the ground, in all my heavy Winter clothing, I couldn't have lived so long in that condition without an occasional bath. It was the only thing that carried me through my two weeks of camping. But, as I have said, the true sea-flavor, especially as to atmosphere, seemed to be wanting.

The conclusion to which I came in regard to this was the following, to wit: That the sea air flows inland as far as Mellenville, where I had been previously staying for two weeks, so that the change was not as noticeable as it would be on going to the sea from a point further away; or that I had already been getting at Mellenville an equal tonic effect from the pine woods atmosphere, and so the change was not so marked as it might be from some other locality; or, that it might arise from both these causes combined. Whether so or no, I am inclined to think there is a peculiar climate, and perhaps more even than at points further north, belonging to that portion of South Florida ranging from the parallel of Lake Munro, say two hundred miles up to Jupiter, both inland and on the coast.

I give now the observations at Lake Harney, which is on a parallel only a little below that of Lake Munro, but is ten miles nearer to the sea. The Winter temperature on lakes and rivers, as found in repeated observations on Lake Harney, Lake Munro, Salt Lake, Lake George, (and that of the small lakes, Silver Lake, Jennie's Lake, Como and Chrystal, at Mellenville,) and the St. John's and Indian Rivers, and the sea from St. Augustine to Jupiter—all these have ranged about 60°, (from 58° to 62°,) and within a month past up to 68°.

The wells, one at Dunmitt's Grove, in the Cocquina Rock, 62°; one at Sand Point, 62°; and one at Mellenville, 62°.

*Temperature at Lake Harney, taken at Saturday Feb. 10.*

Air before sunrise, (6:25,) 49°.

| Hour. | Sun. deg. | Hour. | Sun. deg. | Hour. | Sun. deg. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6:30, (sunrise) | 56 | 6:51 | 72 | 7:30 | 77 |
| 6:32 | 60 | 6:52 | 72 | 8:01 | 77 |
| 6:33 | 60 | 6:53 | 72 | 8:30 | 80 |
| 6:34 | 64 | 6:54 | 74 | 8:55 | 80 |
| 6:37 | 60 | 6:56 | 75 | 9:54 | 81 |
| 6:38 | 60 | 6:57 | 76 | 9:55 | 82 |
| 6:40 | 60 | 6:58 | 76 | 9:56 | 82 |
| 6:41 | 60 | 6:59 | 77 | 9:57 | 82 |
| 6:50 | 70 | 7:00 | 77 | 10:00 | 82 |

Here is a change (from 49° to 80°) of 31° in thirty minutes from the sun, and this very uniform increase kept on, no doubt, (but in a decreasing ratio,) until noon, or later. With the last observation the boat, in passing from the lake, turned into the sun's path, sharp to the east for a short distance, and brought us into the shade. After breakfast, we were all so taken up with the vast range of prairie and the curious windings of the narrow river, that I put up my records for that day. With such a power under glass, all tropical growths would flourish abundantly.

Since beginning this letter, the equinoctial, that I was waiting for, and which was overdue, has arrived, with the usual cold and harsh temper of our north-easters. It began yesterday, (the 24th,) as we came home from the morning service, running the temperature down to 60°, and went off into other parts some time in the night. So now for the up-country and home. I am now well down the St. John's, on the steamer *City Point*, from Charleston, via St. Augustine.

This day, like Saturday, has been magnificent—wind south-west and soft, as our midsummer, and the air 76° to 80°.

This morning there were three air-currents. One on the surface, from the south-west, and two opposite upper-currents, drifting white cloud from the north-west and the south-east, all of which indicate, no doubt, that there has been a commotion somewhere, and, perhaps, not yet quite arranged.

Since February, the boats and the hotels have been very full, and the tide of travel still continues. Yours, &c., L. W. S.

### THE NEW DOMINION.

**Subsidies to Railroads—Four Million Dollars Given from the Public Treasury—Mr. Howe on Canada's Destiny—A New Liberal Party—Labor Movements—A New Journal.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

TORONTO, Thursday, March 28, 1872.

The railway policy of the late Provincial Administration, though well-enough suited to the wants of the country, proved its ruin; but in a slightly-altered form it secured the needed support for the succeeding one, and gave it greater strength in the late session of the Legislature than had been anticipated. The cause is obvious. Several members who were, and still are, opponents of the Ministry, had an interest in the success of the Government railway policy, no matter in what shape it might appear, so long as it guaranteed a subsidy of a certain amount per mile to the proposed new lines; consequently they could not see their way clear to vote against the Ministry under the circumstances. When the late Government asked the Legislature to vote an appropriation of a million and a half of dollars to the encouragement of railroads, the leader of the Opposition moved in amendment that the money should be given to the various municipalities, to apply it as they should see fit. The scheme was carried, however, and at the opening of the recent session Mr. BLAKE changed his tactics, by proposing that the railway subsidies should only be given by a vote of the House. The motion was carried, and the Ministry had ultimately to give way to their opponents, who, just before the close of the Legislature, obtained an additional four hundred thousand dollars toward the subsidy, and a further sum of one hundred thousand dollars, per annum for twenty years, making in all the sum of nearly four million dollars which is to be taken from the public treasury to aid railroads. It is unquestionably an admirable policy for the Province, and meets with general approval. There are objections to it, of course, but they come principally from parties interested in lines which have failed to secure a subsidy; for it must be borne in mind that all have not been aided. Much difficulty was experienced in selecting the roads to be assisted, and all the fund at the disposal of the Government for the present having been exhausted, no further support can be given until next year. Resolutions adopted in Council were submitted to the House, granting from two thousand to three thousand dollars per mile, and carried without opposition, although a hard fight was fought on the adoption of the amended policy. It is to be feared that there will be a great deal of jobbery in carrying out the scheme. One county has secured half the subsidy voted to one of the enterprises, and this does not look like a creditable transaction.

CANADA AND ENGLAND.

The speech delivered by Hon. JOSEPH HOWE, Secretary for the Provinces, at Ottawa a short time since, has scarcely ceased to be a topic of discussion. It had been attempted to show that Mr. HOWE uttered treasonable language, and should have been called to account by his colleagues in the Government. Most sensible people, however, have come to the conclusion that he did nothing more than point out the course indicated by the public sentiments of England—which has long been decidedly in favor of sending the colonies adrift. There is no denying the fact that leading English statesmen have advocated such views on colonial questions as must necessarily lead to separation. The withdrawal of regular troops from this country has been properly regarded as indicative of such a change in England's colonial policy as would lead to its ultimate abandonment, and there are persons who hold that the Treaty of Washington affords by all odds the strongest proof of such a determination. Herein consists Mr. HOWE'S great mistake, for in speaking of the treaty, he referred to it as evidence that England was ready to sacrifice the interests of Canada for the sake of conciliating the United States. He should have known better than to assail his own leader, Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, as his denunciation of the Imperial Government was clearly a censure on the Canadian Commissioner, and it is somewhat surprising that he should have fallen foul of Sir JOHN in his zeal for Canadian interests, as it is not so very long since as professed to be enamored with the United States. He was right in the main as regarded the course of England irrespective of the treaty; but could not have been justified in declaring that Canada was sacrificed to serve the purposes of England and the United States in the settlement of pending difficulties. The treaty gives due consideration to Canadian interests, but is more folly to suppose that the mere matter of admitting American fishermen to increased privileges should stand in the way of securing a permanent peace between those countries. Mr. HOWE has done nothing to merit the imputations hurled at him, for he has simply repeated the language of others, and endeavored to show that, as almost every one now believes, the destiny of Canada is to become independent, at no distant day either. The "old man eloquent," if he is the boldest, he is certainly not the only man in Canada who maintains the belief that separation is but a question of time, and independence the result. It may, perhaps, appear strange that a Minister of the Crown should even moot such a thing, but then Mr. HOWE is none of the mealy-mouthed sort, and generally speaks as he thinks. His so-called "escapade" has certainly created quite a sensation, but now that reason has taken the place of passion in the minds of those who have so loudly condemned Mr. HOWE, the truth is becoming plain that he spoke as many more would speak if they were not afraid of being deemed rash and imprudent.

A NEW PARTY.

A new national party has sprung into existence in the Province of Quebec; its object is to strengthen, if possible, the Opposition in the Dominion Parliament, but it is not likely to realize the expectations formed of it. The old *Rouge* party, under the leadership of M. DORION, has become well-nigh effete, and the young French-Canadian politician began to see that it was necessary something should be done to keep alive the spirit of opposition to the powers that be. Consequently M. JOLY, the leader in the Provincial Legislature of Quebec, put himself at the head of a political combination to which the name *Le Parti National* has been given. It embraces the opponents of the Government generally, yet, strangely enough, the old party leaders keep aloof from it, and the hope of accomplishing anything in the elections next Fall is faint indeed. There appears to be little feeling in common between the Reformers of Ontario and this new party, chiefly because the latter have declared for protection, the former being strongly opposed to it. It is plain to be seen that *Le Parti National* does not start under very favorable circumstances. The great difficulty will be for it to separate itself from the protectionist doctrines of the Coalitionists, who intend to bring forward the question of a so-called national policy as their shibboleth at the next elections. There was some expectation of its being adopted in the approaching session of Parliament, but an understanding has been arrived at to make it do service at the bustings instead of in the Commons. Any attempt to deprive Sir GEORGE CARTIER of the hold he has on the great majority of the French-Canadian population is certain to fail. No man in Canada has ever had such control over his countrymen as the Lower Canadian leader. Without his overthrow no party organization can have any effect on the Government, and M. JOLY'S new party will have more to do than they calculated upon.

THE LABOR MOVEMENT.

The labor movement has assumed rather formidable proportions, and threatens to do mischief if the demands of its advocates are not complied with. When it commenced at Hamilton, a few weeks ago, it was looked upon as a thing of little consequence, and by no means likely to effect a revolution. It gathered strength, however, and at last a difference arose in one of the sewing-machine factories, and a strike was the result. The lock-out lasted a week, and the men were taken back, having evidently gained their point. The nine-hour movement was not the cause of the difference directly, but it certainly prompted it. Meetings have been held in various parts of the Province, and there appears to be a determination on the part of the nine-hour men to insist on the concession they ask. Considerable ability is shown in the discussion of the question, and a very powerful organization has been formed. The silliest part of the business is the strike among the printers, which took place in this city on Monday. The papers have come out regularly, notwithstanding every Union man has left, and all of them now walk the streets. As the master printers, with few exceptions, have combined to resist the demand of increased pay and shorter hours, there is little chance of the striking printers being taken back. Since the strike some amusing scenes have occurred in the offices, and all sorts of persons have turned printers for the nonce. Hands are arriving from the country, and, high rates being offered, it is expected the present embarrassment will soon be over. It is believed that the Great Western Railway Company are ready to concede the nine hours to their workmen, but on condition that they will not be asked to change their pay-day from a month to a week. Rumor says that in case of non-compliance with the demands now made, there will soon be a general strike on the railroads. Hamilton is the head-quarters of the movement, but its organization has its ramifications in all the cities and principal towns.

A NEW PAPER.

A new daily paper is to appear in this city on Saturday morning under the name of the *Mail*. It starts with a capital of $250,000, and will be a joint-stock concern. Some experienced newspaper men have been secured for it, and it may be expected to make a good start in every way, if the present strike should not interfere with it. The *Mail* will be moderate in politics, and, judging by the names of the principal shareholders, it may be set down as likely to support the Dominion Government.

Mail Items.

Hon. W. S. HOLMAN declines to be the Democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana, and says that if Mr. HENDRICKS is not a candidate for President, he must be for Governor.

Rev. E. E. HALE will deliver the oration before the literary societies at the next Dartmouth commencement, and Rev. Mr. BRASTOW, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., the address before the Theological Society.

Construction-trains are now crossing the Kansas and Missouri bridge. The opening celebration will take place on the 16th of April, when special trains will be run from Chicago and other points.

A fight over a game of cards occurred in the jail at Bowling Green Tuesday night, between horse thieves, in which one named WM. THOMAS was struck on the head by the other with a board and instantly killed.

A convention has been signed by the Maintenance and Construction Company, of Great Britain, and the Government of Portugal, for the laying of a telegraphic cable from Lisbon to Brazil, by the way of the Madeira and Cape Verde Islands.

The late Prof. TREADWELL, of Harvard College, left $60,000 to be divided equally among the Peabody Public Library, Boston Public Library, Harvard College Library, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the Boston Athenæum, at the death of his wife.

Vice-President COLFAX has recently received a letter from some demented individual, suggesting a meeting of all the high officials of the Government at the Capital to discuss the Alabama claims, and adjust the trouble by arranging a marriage between him, the said demented individual, and Queen VICTORIA.

### THE GAME OF KENO.

**Enormous Successes in the Business—No Attempt at Concealment Made—Scenes in the Hells—Necessity for Reform.**

"Take this letter," said one of the TIMES editors to the writer, "investigate the keno business and report." The letter was from a widow, and ran as follows:

"I have a boy who was once my sole support. He left his employment about three weeks ago, and does nothing now but play keno. I get nothing from him now, and I don't know where he can get his money to play, unless he steals it. I went to the proprietors of the gambling place at No. 616 Broadway (keno game) in search of my son. I was told to 'clear out' by the brutal man who keeps the place. Dear Sir, I am a widowed mother, and in great distress about my boy. I hear that your paper has exposed these places at different times, and has warned people to keep away from them. I can't understand why the Police Captain of the Fourteenth Precinct don't break up these games. They are open all day and night. Dear Sir, expose these places—break them up, if possible, and oblige a widowed mother."

Thus prompted to an investigation into the truth of the above statement, the reporter visited No. 616 Broadway. Mounting a flight of stairs, he found keno in full operation, there being about thirty persons seated at the tables, engaged in play.

This place was formerly kept by the notorious MURRAY, and is situated over the saloon formerly kept by the redoubtable "Bobby the Blacksmith." It is the resort of as motley a crowd of low-browed ruffians as one would care to see. A number of youths were present, however, surrounded by these evil associations, and appeared, from their easy postures, to be perfectly at home.

Not to attract unnecessary attention, the reporter bought a card for ten cents, and began to play, though he proved unsuccessful, and then left, noticing, as he did so, a placard on the door, announcing that "this game is open at 11 o'clock A. M."

The keno game at No. 600 Broadway was next visited, and a larger number of gamblers discovered at the numerous tables. The interior of this establishment was shabby and dingy-looking; the players were rough in exterior, made up apparently of working men, apprentices, and that class who have no visible means of support. The majority of the company were boys and young men. One of these last, a "knowing" looking chap, became interested in the ignorance of the game he detected in the reporter, so he volunteered some advice. "Keep your eye on your card, or you will miss the numbers when called."

The price of a card in this house was ten cents, and an investment was made in three of them, but at a total loss of the money invested.

"I can't get a keno here; I am going somewhere else," said the reporter. "Where is there a place where a man has some chance of getting a keno?"

"Come with me, I'll show you," said the youth, his eyes brightening. "Let's go to No. 15 Houston-street."

That establishment was soon reached, and the price of several cards—ten cents each—handed to a ubiquitous individual, who was taking the cash from the buyers of cards in the lottery, and calling out their numbers to the game-keeper, who put a peg under a corresponding number in an indicator or register. The price of these cards make the pool, which the man who succeeds in getting a "keno" pockets after the game-keeper deducts a percentage on the total amount.

Keno is so easily learned that therein lies its greatest danger for young men. It consists simply of cards containing three rows of figures, taken hap-hazard from one to ninety, and the player who is so fortunate as to have a card containing five buttons on any one of the rows calls out "Keno," and, if found correct, he wins the pool. The numbers are engraved on ivory balls, which are drawn from a revolving globe by the dealer. If twenty players only remain long enough in the room, and are not reinforced, the dealer is sure to get all their money through his percentage; thus the profits of the business are enormous, and the capital necessary is quite insignificant. No skill is required to play the game, and the only amusement afforded is the excitement of watching the numbers on the card, to see if they correspond with those called off, in hopes of winning the pool. To the professional gamester the game is stupid enough, for there is not even an opportunity for anybody to cheat except perhaps the game-keeper.

Becoming wearied by the sameness of the scene at No. 15 Houston-street, and the uninteresting phases of character presented, the reporter soon left and strolled up Broadway, finally stopping at No. 722 Broadway, next door to the New-York Theatre. The numbers over the door were brightly illuminated, and the door opening on a staircase leading upstairs was wide open, inviting an entrance. Passing upstairs, a large room was entered. Seating himself at a table, the writer handed an Ethiopian attendant a $3 bill, receiving ivory checks in change, just as gamblers do business in faro-banks. This place was apparently patronized by a better class of persons. As affairs were very quiet, the reporter decided to visit a more famous resort, known as "BIZ MURRAY'S," and situated in Eighth-street, near Broadway. These premises were very recently a house of ill-fame, and the visitor, who found no difficulty in obtaining entrance, noticed that none of the rich carpets had been removed, though they were very dirty, by the constant pressure of feet fresh from the muddy streets. On the first floor, keno was in full blast, the price of cards being twenty-five cents, and there were nearly 200 players. Upstairs the scene was more quiet. In the back part of the room a faro table was surrounded by an eager group of young men, who were staking heavily on the turn of the cards. In the centre of the room an improved description of sweat-board was in operation, though but little pat

# THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

## The Passage of the Albany Police Bill Over the Governor's Veto.

## Appropriations for Sectarian Schools Sustained in the House.

## Excited Debate on the Pacific Mail Steam-Ship Company.

## The Bill Authorizing a Reduction of Stock Passed to a Third Reading.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Saturday, April 6, 1872.

The Albany Police bill, which passed the Assembly last evening over the Governor's veto, was taken up in the Senate this morning, and gave rise to a long debate. The Democratic Senators were, of course, all anxious to save their Governor from the mortification of seeing his veto overruled for the first time. Mr. WOODIN, and one or two other Republicans, expressed their approval of the objections made against the bill by the Governor, but in view of the fact that there was not sufficient time to amend it, or to introduce a new bill, and with the assurance that a supplemental bill would be passed this session covering the Governor's objections, they all voted for overruling the veto, except Mr. LEWIS. The three Democrats who voted to sustain the veto were Messrs. LORD, TIERNAN and COOK. The "Supplemental" bill alluded to was introduced in the Assembly by Mr. BABCOCK, this morning, and, by unanimous consent, was ordered to a third reading. It provides for the removal of any of the Police Commissioners for cause by the MAYOR, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the Common Council.

A story has been circulated around the Legislature this morning, and was repeated during the discussion in the Senate, that Gov. HOFFMAN had said that Speaker SMITH had called at the Executive Chamber and urged him to veto the bill. I am assured by the Speaker that such is not the fact, and that if Gov. HOFFMAN authorised such a story, he was laboring under a mistake. The Speaker did call on the Governor a few days ago, with a view to ascertain whether he intended to sign the bill or to veto it. The Governor said he should not sign it, and should either veto it or let it become a law without his signature by the ten days' limitation. The Speaker, in reply, said that if the Governor concluded to veto it, he wished he would let him know the fact a day or two beforehand so that he might have the bill recalled and amended to suit his wishes—a request which the Governor utterly disregarded, although it has hitherto been his custom to grant similar requests and even to notify the friends of bills of his intentions, in order that they might save their bills.

The Assembly had quite a lively session in spite of the fact that only about seventy-five members were present. The time was mostly occupied in general orders, and several important bills were ordered to a third reading.

REVISION OF BULKHEAD LINES.

Among the first taken up was the joint resolution, which has already passed the Senate, directing the Governor to apply to the President of the United States for the appointment of three officers in the service of the United States familiar with harbors, to examine into and revise the exterior pier and bulkhead lines of the Brooklyn side of New-York Harbor, and report such revised lines to the Legislature. The resolution was ordered to a third reading, and subsequently passed and returned to the Senate.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR SECTARIAN SCHOOLS.

Mr. J. D. BROWN moved to take up in Committee of the Whole the joint resolution of Senator WOODIN for an amendment to the Constitution of the State prohibiting all appropriations of money, lands or other property, either by the State or by town or municipal authorities, for schools or other institutions under sectarian control. The motion was lost. Subsequently Mr. BROWN moved to restore a bill, of which the title was stricken out several days ago, prohibiting any county, town or village from making any such appropriations. The yeas and nays were called on the motion, and it was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Badeau, Balis, Benas, Bennett, Berri, J. D. Brown, Coachman, Dykeman, Fowler, Green, Gregory, Hawkins, Herrick, Holdridge, Houghton, Hyde, Judd, Knapp, Lincoln, F. P. Ford, Lots, MacAfee, Mosher, Murdock, Pell, Pitts, Preston, Ray, Rose, Sage, Smith, Squires, Wells—29.

NAYS—Alberger, Alvord, D. L. Babcock, Beckwith, Bixby, E. Brown, Buckley, Buell, Burrits, Coley, Ford, Foot, Geh, Greenhalgh, Hays, D. B. Hill, Hill, Hollister, Husted, Kennedy, Lynde, Moore, Moseley, Osgood, Roche, Simpson, Smiley, Sniper, Snyder, Speaker, Swain, M. C. Tompkins, W. Y. Dusen, Whitbeck, Wiley, Yeomans—37.

The result of this vote was (quite a surprise to the opponents of sectarian appropriations, as it has been generally supposed that such a bill would pass the present Legislature by a large majority. With a full attendance of members the result would undoubtedly have been different.

PACIFIC MAIL.

The bill to authorise the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to reduce its capital stock from twenty to ten millions of dollars, and to permit a director of the Company to reside out of the State, came up in Committee of the Whole, when Mr. FOLEY moved to strike out the enacting clause. Mr. HUSTED approved the motion and explained the object of the bill. He said the capital stock of the Company was originally ten millions, but was afterward increased, by authority of the Legislature, to twenty millions. More than half of the business of the Company had been destroyed by the building of the Pacific Railroad; the Company had three millions of surplus, and two millions of its increased capital stock had now been issued. It simply asked for a reduction of its capital to its original figure, so that it would not be forced to pay taxes on capital not needed for its business.

Mr. MOSELEY said that the general rule with these stock companies had been heretofore to come to the Legislature and ask for the privilege of increasing or watering their stock, and he thought it was a good sign to find one company that asked to decrease its stock. The affairs of this Company had been fully investigated by a committee of this House, and were found to be honestly managed. Several suits had been instituted against it by enemies of its present enterprising managers, all of which had failed or been discontinued. He could see no earthly objection to the bill, and trusted the motion to strike out would not prevail.

Mr. HAWKINS opposed the bill, and characterized it as a stock-jobbing measure. He was in favor of amending it so as to require the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders to the reduction.

Mr. TWOMBLY said that in view of the action of stock corporations in previous years, who invariably came here to get consent to water their stock, it was refreshing to find one company that was willing so consent to a reduction of its capital stock in the interest of its stockholders. He regarded it as a highly meritorious bill, and in every respect unobjectionable. The second section merely asked that a director of the Company might reside out of the State, the necessity for it being the well-known fact that the bulk of the business of the Company was at present on the Pacific coast, and the interests of the Company required that it should be represented there by at least one director.

Mr. HAWKINS renewed his objections and spoke in a very violent tone against the bill. Mr. MOSELEY moved to report progress on it, which was carried; and subsequently, on the House, Mr. HUSTED moved to disagree with the report of the Committee and order the bill to a third reading, and on this he moved the previous question. The previous question was ordered whereupon Mr. HAWKINS in an excited manner, called for the yeas and nays, adding that "he would like to see who would put themselves on record in favor of such a bill as this."

A VOICE—"Here's one."

SEVERAL VOICES—"Here's another."

The Speaker rapped violently on the desk with his gavel and called to order. He said that he had often had occasion to call the attention of members to the reprehensible practice of indulging in such remarks as had just been made by the gentleman from New-York. The remark that "he would like to see who would put themselves on record in favor of such a bill," was not only a violation of the rules of the House, but was in the highest degree disrespectful and offensive.

The vote was then taken by yeas and nays, and the bill was ordered to a third reading by a vote of 64 to 7, every member present voting for it except Hawkins, D. B. Hill, Preston, Bent, Foley, Sadler and Snyder.

After disposing of several other bills of local interest, the Assembly adjourned to Monday evening. S.

## THE NAVY INVESTIGATION.

### Dana's Charges Crumbling Before the Evidence—The Payment to the Secors Explained.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The Robeson Investigation Committee met this evening, and examined several witnesses called by Secretary ROBESON. The first were Admiral BOGGS and and Engineer LORING, who were on the Board that recommended the payment of $80,000 to the SECORS which DANA, while trying his hand as a public prosecutor, had attempted to prove fraudulent, or at least unlawful. This is the only point on which opposition papers, like the *Tribune*, have claimed that the investigation has raised any suspicion of unlawful action by the Secretary. The evidence produced by the Secretary showed that the $115,000, paid by special act of Congress, was for damages caused to the contractors by delays caused by the action of the Department, during which prices of materials greatly advanced, to the injury of the contractors. The Board that made the allowance on claims for damages on this account confined their examination of SECOR'S claims, specially to this class of claims, and passed by, and left the other claims, being those for extra work over and above the contracts, were presented to this Board—known as the Marchand Board—but they refused to consider these claims on the ground that they had no jurisdiction under the law and the order convening them. The award of the Marchand Board was made under the special law authorizing the examination of claims for damages. The claim for extra work ordered was entirely distinct, and required no special Congressional action, the general law being sufficient. The second Board considered the last class of claims, and in making up their report examined the former awards so as that no claim was paid a second time. All the suspicion raised on this point was fully swept away. It is a great pity that DANA did not remain to see what a flimsy case on this point his young attorney had made.

## WASHINGTON AFFAIRS.

### Report of the House Committee on the Tariff on Paper—Speech in Defense of the Treasury Management.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—The House met as in Committee of the Whole, Mr. WALDRON in the Chair, for general debate. Various speeches were made on miscellaneous subjects.

TARIFF UPON PAPER.

The following is the clause the Committee of Ways and Means have inserted in the new Tariff bill:

That in lieu of the duties now imposed by law, there shall be levied and collected upon printing paper used for books, magazines and newspapers, exclusively, of a size not less than thirty-six inches by twenty-six inches, twenty per cent. ad valorem, and upon drawing, foolscap, imperial, letter and notepaper, thirty-five per centum ad valorem. *Provided*, that such paper imported under this act cut up into folios, medium, cap paper, letter paper, and letter size, to be issued for any purpose whatsoever, except printing, shall be forfeited to the Government of the United States, and a fine not exceeding ——— of it shall be paid in each case of violation of the provisions of this section. And all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this section be and they are hereby repealed. The present tariff on paper, less than 24 by 36 inches, stands unaffected by the above amendment.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President has signed the following bills: An act for the relief of the sufferers by the Chicago fire; An act to change the location of the First National Bank of Seneca, Ill., to the city of Morris, Ill.; and an act to amend the thirty-second section of an act entitled "An act to reduce internal taxes, and for other purposes."

TREASURY ADMINISTRATION.

Mr. MONROE, of Ohio, made a speech in the House today upon the management of the Treasury, treating particularly upon the points in the financial policy of the Administration, which had been criticised, and defending the course of Secretary BOUTWELL, the verdict upon which he believed would be that there is no nobler example of successful administration in all history.

APPOINTMENT.

Col. CHARLES M. THURSTON, of Cumberland, Md., has been appointed a member of the Board of Visitors at West Point Military Academy, to fill a vacancy.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS.

### Red Cloud in Council—He Claims that He is Friendly With the White Men.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—Indian Agent DANIELS reports to Commissioner WALKER, from the Red Cloud Agency, Dakota Territory, under date of March 26, the arrival there of the famous Chief RED CLOUD, and that a council was held on the 23d. On that day a few Indians assembled in the council chamber at the agency. RED CLOUD's object was to have the goods which had been saved for him taken up to the Rawhide, about two-thirds of the way up to Fort Laramie. RED CLOUD said he wanted to show the wild Indians the goodness of the Great Father. He made many protestations of peace, and said he would stay with his white friends. He also enjoined it upon the young men of the tribes present at the council to keep peace and not make the Great Father send for white soldiers. The agent says he talks well, and reports are true from those who have been with him in the north, he has been a friend to the Government there the past Winter. The Indians speak well, with the exception of a few young men who wish to show their ill-feeling toward the whites. In the presence of large numbers they are important and saucy. The men of the country say they never heard such a general expression of friendship for the whites as at the present time, but still there is a hostile party, also those who are lukewarm in their friendship, and they will spare no pains to make trouble for those who wish to be peaceable. With this condition of things, if RED CLOUD should select a place for the agency on the reservation, it would require a force to keep up communication and protect the agency. A hundred lodges of Minneconjons came to the council with RED CLOUD and his Indians.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs today authorised Senator CRESWELL to offer an amendment to the Indian appropriation bill providing for the sale of Lake Flambeau and Lake Court Oreilles, Chippewa Indian Reservation in Wisconsin, and the concentration of all the Chippewa and Pottawattamie Indians in Wisconsin on the remaining reservation, known as La Pointe, or Bad River Reservation. The reservations to be sold comprise six townships covered with valuable pine timber. The reservation for Fond du Lac contains about 100,000 acres, and is traversed by the Northern Pacific Railroad.

The Committee also voted to propose another amendment to the same bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate with the Ute Indians for the purchase of the ... part of the Ute Reservation in South-w... Colorado. This reservation comprises some ... acres, and the part desired for ... contains some valuable deposits of gold and ...

The Committee also voted to report an amendment appropriating about $60,000 for the payment of annuities due the Michigan bands of the Pottawattomie Indians under the various treaties, some of which date back to the year 1795. Senator BUCKINGHAM has had the claim under examination for nearly a year, and the Committee voted in accordance with his recommendation.

### Terrible Scene at a Fire—Brave Efforts to Save a Fireman's Life.

*From the Milwaukee Journal of Commerce, April 3.*

The fire of this morning has its tragedy. Two men, attached to Engine No. 1, were caught by the falling floors in the cellar of GEO. DYER'S store, and partly buried in the smoking rafters. PETER KNUCK was easily reached, and extricated before he had suffered much with injury. MICHAEL CONNERS, the pipeman, was more deeply buried. A way to him had to be made through the foundation party wall of STRICKLAND'S store. Through this his comrades could reach and touch him. They freed his body so that he could straighten out his back. And they held him in their arms, and tried to shield him from the freezing water, and hastened to rescue him from a mass of timbers burning above, and threatening him and them. A great beam held his feet so securely that their utmost efforts seemed idle. Still he kept bravely up, and made no groan. It was 6 o'clock when the poor fellow was caught in this terrible prison. It was 5½ when our reporter left him. The flames were then approaching him, and the only way was to drench both the fire and him with the freezing water. Both of his feet must be broken, and the work of his rescue is attended with great danger. Brave searchers and stout hands are working courageously, underneath tottering walls, for his rescue, and while there is life they will not leave him.

### SINK THE TRACK.

#### The Fourth-avenue Idea—The Bill as Reported by the Assembly Railroad Committee Denounced.

A meeting of the Nineteenth Ward Railroad Reform Association was held last evening at No. 329 Third-avenue, Mr. JOHN MCCOOLE in the chair. Mr. JACOB COHEN offered the following resolutions:

*Whereas*, A bill has been reported by a majority of the Assembly Railroad Committee, and introduced in the Assembly, and by special order is to be considered by the Assembly on Wednesday evening next to make certain alterations in the Fourth-avenue, which are neither called for by property owners on the line of said avenue nor by the public, but are prejudicial to the best rights and interests of both; and

*Whereas*, Said bill provides that the City of New-York shall pay one-half of the expenses of said alterations, and whereas, the Harlem Railroad Company shall have the exclusive use and control of such railway as may be made, which would be not only destructive to the public right, but also inequitable and unjust and a mere temporary expedient, therefore

*Resolved*, That this Association most earnestly but respectfully remonstrate against the passage of said bill, and

*Resolved*, That this Association demand that no bill be passed by the Legislature for improving the railways on Fourth-avenue, which does not provide for so sinking or depressing the bed of the said road that the same can be arched, at least at every street crossing, from Forty-eighth-street to the north end of the Harlem tunnel, where not already arched or tunnelled.

Mr. JAQUES supported Mr. COHEN'S resolution. He maintained that the citizens should not abate in the slightest degree the claims put forward in the bill. The Harlem Railroad deserved this improvement, they would have been compelled to ask for it not very far hence, and now they virtually ask the citizens to pay half the expense of a work for their own benefit. In addition to Mr. COHEN'S resolutions, he proposed the following:

*Resolved*, That we deem it important to call the attention of the citizens of New-York to the following features of the proposed plan to lease to the Fourth-avenue by the Harlem Railroad Company, as reported by the Assembly Committee on Railroads on April 4, inst.

*First*—The scheme is that of the Common Council of last year, which was vetoed by the Mayor.

*Second*—It gives the Company the exclusive use of the avenue and intersecting streets between Forty-second and Forty-fifth-streets, a distance of a fourth avenue, on rental at 100 City lots, worth $1,000,000.

*Third*—It taxes the City with half the expense of tunnelling through the rock at Yorkville, amounting to possibly over $1,000,000.

*Fourth*—It gives the Company two additional tracks, and taxes the City with half the expense of constructing them.

*Fifth*—It creates an open cut of fifty feet wide through the centre of Fourth-avenue, without provision for bridges at every cross-street so as to avoid intersecting with the grade of the cross-streets.

*Resolved*, That we denounce the scheme as invoving an unequalled sacrifice of one of the noblest avenues in the City, and are at a loss to understand why we are taxed for magnificent boulevards on the west side of the City, and should be taxed in order to secure a thoroughfare like the Fourth-avenue on the east side.

The resolutions were adopted, and a Committee appointed to proceed to Albany on Wednesday, in the interests of the Association.

The meeting then adjourned

## OREGON.

### Action of the Republican State Convention—Unanimous Endorsement of President Grant's Administration.

*From the Portland Oregonian, March 23.*

There was no member of the Republican State Convention who manifested any other wish in regard to the Presidency than for the renomination of GRANT. The feeling was unanimous, and the expression of it emphatic. Our men go delegates pledged first for GRANT and COLFAX, and they will get the electoral vote of the State.

That the nominations made by the Convention are very acceptable is a fact that is apparent. No dissatisfaction has been expressed with any one of them. The ticket will stand as it is, a second time be nominated for Congress by acclamation is an evidence of the popularity of the nomination, and proof that it is satisfactory to the Republicans of the State. He came very near an election two years ago, being beaten by but 943 votes, while the average majority of the Democratic candidates was 800. He will take the field this year prepared to make the best effort to carry the Republican banner to the heights of victory. The gentlemen named for electors of President and Vice-President are well-known citizens, whose nomination will do much to satisfy all sections of the State, and to promote harmony and good feeling. It is a significant fact that no word of disapproval of the action of the Convention has yet been heard.

## THE OMAHA TROUBLES.

### Present Condition of the Transfer Business—An Inquiry as to Where the Difficulty Lies.

*From the Omaha (Neb.) Herald, March 31.*

During the past two days the city has been full of exciting rumors on this subject. They concern all our merchants, and through them the public generally, for they touch upon topics which come home to "man's business and bosoms." We have been at pains to discover the exact situation, and will assist our readers to separate truth from falsehood.

It was said that the switches had been locked so that the mails could not be got at. This was true as to the main fact, but it seems not to have been the result of an intention on the part of the Iowa roads or anybody to obstruct the transfer of United States mails. The delay that was caused seems to have been the result of accident. Switches are generally if not always locked. When the new switches were built on the east side of the river, locks were put upon them, and by some mistake the men on the transfer trains were not provided with keys. This fault was remedied as soon as it was detected, and since then the mails have been transported regularly and promptly.

It was commonly reported that the rate for transferring a car of freight over the bridge was $15, and that because this high price was charged, the old ferry company was establishing an opposition by way of the bottoms, and they, the boats, would transfer cars for $5 per car.

In connection with this was the statement that they had laid a track on this side of the river, and that as they had no charter and were trespassers, an extra session of the City Council would be called and measures taken to obtain an injunction. The truth is that the price charged by the Omaha Bridge Transfer Company for transferring freight is $10 per car. Up to the 25th inst. the old transfer company held contracts with the Iowa roads for the transfer of freight-cars. The Union Pacific was willing that these contracts previously made should be observed until they should lapse, with a usual courtesy, permitted the use of its track on the Union Pacific tracks on this side of the river for that purpose. Of course there is no intention on his part of establishing an opposition to the Missouri River Bridge. It is equally plain that no Iowa road, and no person acting in that interest, could get the right of way or franchise in this city. The Iowa roads also have no tracks and no locomotives on this side of the river.

There is a rumor that our merchants are about to sue the Iowa roads for not delivering goods shipped to them. Since the 25th inst., goods have been delivered by those roads upon an order to pay charges and conditions and on payment of back charges. These conditions are easily complied with, so far as they relate to the goods belonging to the merchants of this city. The hardship and vexatious delay is caused by keeping goods here, which are consigned to points west of us, until an order can be given by the consignee. If goods are sent, for instance, from New-York or Boston to San Francisco or the Sandwich Islands, are they to lie in Council Bluffs until the consignee shall duly investigate the transfer difficulty and forward an order for their delivery to the only parties who can possibly forward his merchandise? We do not believe that the commercial men of this country will tolerate such an absurdity, and right here it is likely is the point where the fight will take a definite shape, so that it can come to an issue and be settled. We have no doubt as to the result. This shameful and impolitic embargo—for the rule amounts to that—upon overland commerce will not be tolerated either by the Federal Courts or the common sense of the people.

### Rumors in Relation to the Appointment of Controller Green.

A rumor of a rather startling character was current about the City Hall yesterday afternoon, to the effect that Mayor HALL had received a communication from Gov. HOFFMAN, stating that the appointment of Controller GREEN was unconstitutional and void in law. Inquiry being made of Mr. GREEN as to the truth of the report, he stated that he had received no intimation from any source of such a communication having been received by the Mayor, and inquiry in other quarters failed to elicit any reliable information in regard to the matter, though it is believed that there is some foundation for the rumor.

### The Court of Special Sessions—Appointment of Officers.

There was no meeting of the Special Sessions Court yesterday, Justices DOWLING and HOGAN attended, but the former announced that as the Court had not received the decision of the District Attorney in regard to its organization, an adjournment would take place until Tuesday. The Magistrates, it is alleged, claim that under the new organization they have the power to appoint new officers. The present clerk and the stenographer are Republicans, while the nine Police Justices are all Democrats. It is not claimed that these officers are incompetent or unfit in any way for their position, and the best evidences in their favor is the fact that Justices DOWLING, SHANDLEY, and HOGAN favor their re-election. The two first-named Justices have had abundant opportunities of testing the qualifications of these officers, and their say so ought to have much weight in determining why they should now be disturbed.

## DEATH IN THE PIT.

### Another Terrible Colliery Explosion in Pennsylvania.

#### Explosion of Fire-Damp in the Pine Brook Mine—Four Persons Severely Injured—The Death of One Probable.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SCRANTON, Saturday, April 6, 1872.

There are but three mines situated in what is known as the old borough of Scranton, all of which are the property of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company, the second wealthiest company in this county. These three mines have been worked for years, and are still explored for coal, which is consumed in the two large rolling-mills and three immense blast-furnaces. One of these mines is the Pine Brook shaft, on Penn-avenue, Seventh Ward, near the Dickson works. It is without doubt the most dangerous mine in the coal regions. Gas, or fire-damp, is found in great abundance in this mine, and great precaution is needed on the part of the miners to prevent the ignition of the accumulated gas. Accidents frequently occur, caused by the sheer carelessness of a miner or a laborer. To illustrate how the gas accumulates in the Pine Brook shaft, I will state that there is a large iron pipe extending from the bottom of the mine to the surface, which protrudes through the side of the breaker, out of which an immense quantity of gas constantly escapes. Every dark night this gas is lighted, and that part of the city is illuminated so brightly that one can read a newspaper one hundred feet away with ease.

A fire-boss is employed at this mine, whose duty it is to visit every chamber with a safety-lamp before a miner enters. He carefully scrutinizes the roof of every gangway and chamber, and if any indication of sulphur is observable (which is of a dark-red substance) he brushes it away with a towel. When the fire-boss reports "all right," the men enter the car and are lowered into the mine.

The same routine of business was transacted yesterday by this "fire-boss," on whose word hangs the lives of two or three hundred human beings. The men went to work, believing that all was right. They worked all the morning with safety; at noon they congregated in the main gangway to eat their dinners and have a social chat. The miners always do that; they huddle together, and while they munch their meals, merriment rules supreme. The men at Pine Brook shaft resumed their work after dinner, little dreaming of anything to occur which would bring consternation to every human soul within the inclosure. A little after 2 o'clock gas had accumulated to such an extent in the chamber of ANTHONY MCHALE, that his lamp came in contact with it, and a terrific explosion occurred. Every gangway door was blown from its hinges, props were knocked from their positions, and a terrific scene of human life would have occurred had all the miners been in the immediate vicinity of the gangway. As it was, three men and one boy were terribly injured, one of whom will not live to see to-morrow's sun. Their names are: ANTHONY MCHALE, miner, of Sand Banks, burned in the face and hands; JOHN LEWIS, of Bellevue, burned in the back and hands; EDWARD SULLIVAN, of Pine Brook, laborer, terribly burned in the face, body and hands; and a little boy named STANTON, knocked down by the concussion and badly hurt.

SULLIVAN will die without doubt, as his physicians have already given up all hopes of his recovery. The casualty caused intense excitement throughout the city, and hundreds flocked to the scene, all anxious to take a glimpse of the poor victims as they were carried to their several homes.

A man named FREDERICK GREEN was found dead this morning in a dike on Scranton-avenue, Hyde Park. Foul play was suspected, and an inquest was held by Alderman D. M. JONES, of the Fourth Ward. The evidence was contradictory, and the jury returned a verdict that the deceased died from apoplexy. It is evident to my mind that GREEN was murdered, as the inhabitants of that locality are of the worst character. His pockets were rifled, and a cut was found on his right temple. E. R. W.

## THE WEATHER.

### Events and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, April 6—7 P. M.—The barometer has continued falling east of the Rocky Mountains, being highest over the Atlantic States, and an area of quite low barometer has moved eastward to Northern Missouri. The area of cloudy weather and rain has extended eastward over the South Atlantic States, Virginia, Lake Erie, Southern Michigan, and Wisconsin. Clear weather continues over New-England and partly cloudy weather over the Middle States. Fresh to brisk southeasterly to south-westerly winds are now prevailing over the Southern States, and light to fresh easterly winds over the lake region. Pleasant weather has prevailed at San Francisco, with brisk westerly winds and cloudy weather, and light rain at San Diego, with brisk and high westerly winds. The rivers have risen at New-Orleans and Louisville, and decidedly so at Shreveport and Cincinnati, and fallen at St. Louis.

PROBABILITIES.

The lowest barometer will move north-eastwardly over lower Michigan, as quite a severe storm, preceded by increasing pressure, thence to the lakes and Atlantic coast. The area of rain will extend eastward over the Middle States and southern New-England by Sunday morning, and over northern New-England during Sunday. Increasing to brisk easterly winds are probable for the upper lake region to-night, gradually backing to north-westerly, and increasing to brisk south-easterly for the lower lake region, gradually veering to south-westerly. Rising barometer, north-westerly winds and clearing weather will prevail throughout the Mississippi Valley by Sunday morning and extend eastward to the Lake Michigan, Tennessee, Kentucky and Georgia by Sunday evening. Cautionary signals continue at Milwaukee, Chicago, Grand Haven, Detroit, Toledo and Cleveland.

SUPPLEMENTARY WEATHER REPORT.

Snow has been reported from Virginia City. It has been raining at Cairo, Davenport, Fort Benton, Keokuk, Knoxville, Leavenworth, Louisville, Memphis, Mobile, Nashville, New-Orleans, Omaha, San Diego, St. Louis, Vicksburg, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Grand Haven, Indianapolis, Lynchburg, Milwaukee, Toledo and Wilmington, N. C. Threatening weather is now reported from Augusta, Ga., Detroit and Lake City.

### Valuation of Massachusetts.

Mr. DANIEL A. GLEASON, Deputy Tax Commissioner, has presented to the Legislature his corrected report of State valuation, based upon the sworn returns of assessors, conveyances of real estate, and a comparison of valuations for the years 1869, 1870 and 1871. The following table gives the number of polls, amount of property and tax of $1,000, including polls, at half a mill each:

| Counties | Polls. | Property. | Tax $1,000. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Barnstable | 6,378 | $15,875,345 53 | $12 54 |
| Berkshire | 15,579 | 40,610,072 42 | 29 24 |
| Bristol | 35,899 | 89,571,201 62 | 69 64 |
| Dukes | 1,124 | 2,413,426 17 | 1 84 |
| Essex | 51,224 | 144,227,699 70 | 101 90 |
| Franklin | 6,720 | 15,949,952 71 | 12 60 |
| Hampden | 20,441 | 50,030,757 97 | 40 91 |
| Hampshire | 10,906 | 28,725,415 06 | 20 89 |
| Middlesex | 73,860 | 241,000,262 62 | 162 53 |
| Nantucket | 922 | 2,207,231 03 | 1 71 |
| Norfolk | 23,274 | 60,211,016 03 | 39 77 |
| Plymouth | 17,604 | 34,185,585 00 | 20 87 |
| Suffolk | 66,076 | 652,225,466 02 | 376 03 |
| Worcester | 51,540 | 124,212,149 49 | 91 28 |
| Total | 374,096 | $1,525,135,019 53 | $1,000 00 |

### The Contest of the Massachusetts Doctors.

*From the Boston Journal, April 6.*

The Board of Trial of the Massachusetts Medical Society, which instituted proceedings against certain homeopathic practitioners last Autumn, and adjourned from the 6th of December to the 4th of April, met in Temple-place on Fast Day. Only four members of the Board were present, viz., Drs. STOCKTON, HAYWARD, WILSON and TORREY. None of the Prosecuting Committee put in an appearance, and only two of the physicians indicted were in attendance. The Board was called to order soon after 11, when the Clerk, Dr. C. W. SWAN, read a paper announcing that as the Supreme Court had not yet rendered a decision in relation to the injunction now pending against the Society, the Board of Trustees had decided to postpone the further consideration of the matter until Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1873, and the Board accordingly adjourned to that time.

### The Monument to Gen. George HH. Thomas.

The Post Commanders and officers of the Grand Army of the Republic held a meeting yesterday, at the office of Gen. BURNSIDE, in reference to the raising of funds for the erection of a monument to the late Gen. GEORGE H. THOMAS. A Committee of Seven, Gen. A. E. BURNSIDE Chairman, was appointed to call a public meeting at the Cooper Institute, on the 20th inst., the programme to include addresses from Secretary of War, W. W. BELKNAP, Gens. LOGAN, KILPATRICK, SLOCUM and HOWARD. Gen. JOE. HOOKER will preside and the music will be furnished by the West Point Band. The proceeds of the meeting will be added to the fund.

## THE EVANS FRAUD.

### Report of the Investigating Committee of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

*From the Philadelphia Ledger, April 5.*

Just before the adjournment yesterday a report was presented by the Joint Committee of the House and Senate, appointed to investigate the "Evans frauds," involving the greater part of $261,000, paid to EVANS by the United States, and withheld from the State Treasury by him on the pretense that that enormous sum was due to him as "commissions" under his appointment by Gov. GEARY to "collect" the State's war claims from the United States. The report is a clear, straight, overwhelming exposure of a most shameless robbery of the State, and is complete except upon the one point concerning the division of the money among those in the conspiracy. As to this, the Committee say they "cannot give credence to the statements of Mr. EVANS," (that he used the money to pay his "debts of honor,") and they are "impressed with the belief that the whole truth on this subject has not been reached." The report shows that of $1,010,761 22 involved in this account, which EVANS falsely claimed that he "collected," and for which false claim he retained out of other moneys belonging to the State $121,074 12, he never "collected" a single dollar. He did "collect," as far back as 1867 and 1868, under the bill got through the Legislature by the conspirators, $134,160 25, and he kept every dollar of it for himself and his confederates, although he was entitled, at that time, to no more than $18,416 68⅔, as the very outside, according to his own wild notions of commissions. Under another appointment by the Governor, EVANS having thus shown himself to be a most "faithful agent," and armed with a letter from the Governor, in March, 1870, he got from the Auditor-General's office another batch of vouchers for State claims, amounting to $1,-400,000 or $1,500,000. As to these there now, and never has been, a shadow of pretense for the claim of ten per cent. "commissions." On the contrary, there was a clear, express agreement with the Auditor-General that he (EVANS) was to have only such "equitable compensation" as the Auditor-General should allow. The Committee, however, without passing on his ten per cent. claim as "utterly unfounded." Upon this last batch of vouchers EVANS collected, Aug. 26, 1870, $136,946 09, and he pocketed the whole of this also for himself and his confederates. Not a syllable concerning any of these transactions was ever reported to the State Treasurer or to the Auditor-General, although, as the report shows, the Governor was fully cognisant of them. The conspirators now had in their possession $221,014 14 of moneys realized upon drafts drawn by the Treasury of the United States to the order of JOHN W. GEARY, Governor of Pennsylvania. They got the first of it May 2, 1867—$84,853 49 of this on Oct. 27, 1868—$105,651 46, and the last Aug. 26, 1870—$136,946 09. They kept the whole of it until July 21, 1871—more than four years after the first payment—and then they disgorged $20,907 85, one week after the damning facts first began to reach the public through the newspaper press. It was at this time that the pocketed-up fraudulent claim first appeared for the other $261,846 68, as per their "commissions." Of this enormous sum EVANS may possibly have been entitled to $18,416 68 upon his "collections" on one set of vouchers; and to about $16,300 for his collections upon the other set—in all say $37,000. And this would be straining liberality to the utmost point. But he and his confederates have pocketed and still withhold $261,846 68.

There is one aspect of the report which it is painful to contemplate. We refer to the passages all through the document, which show the knowledge and privity of the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania to the transactions of EVANS, so far as the withholding of $221,000 of State money from the State Treasury is concerned. Whatever conclusions may be come to as to the other aspects of this disgraceful business, there can be but one as to the Governor's concealment of his knowledge that EVANS had received from the United States a large sum of money for the State, which he had not paid into the Treasury of the State. Even if EVANS had just claim to the whole ten per cent. upon the two millions which he did not collect—even allowing this monstrous assumption, as the Governor does—EVANS still had in his possession in Jan. 1871, over $97,000 of State money, which even he does not claim was entitled to at that time. And yet Governor concealed that. The Committee present conclusive evidence of the Governor's knowledge of it, and call attention to the dark fact that he did not communicate it to the Legislature, and they further call attention to the concealment by the Governor of all these nefarious transactions, and to the efforts of "those in official position" to "palliate and excuse" the Evans operation.

The conspiracy originated at Washington, with EVANS then in the plot, and beyond all question it was instigated by some one either in the Treasury Department or who had the "run of it," and who was aware that certain book entries had not been made. It found facile instruments at Harrisburg; they got the groundplot of the gigantic fraud through the Legislature; they managed the swift appointment of EVANS; they knew that he was pocketing for himself and his confederates the whole sum of his actual collections until they had $321,000; and "State officials" concealed the facts from the State Treasurer and the Auditor-General until the rascality was exposed by the public press by the aid of a subordinate in the Attorney-General's office, who was turned out of office by his superior immediately after this piece of service to the plundered people of Pennsylvania. Of one of these concealments the Committee say that the neglect of the State officials who knew of the transaction, and who failed to report it, was "a gross dereliction of public duty;" and they say further upon the general subject that the Committee "have no language sufficiently strong to express their disapprobation of so bold an outrage, or fitting terms in which to characterize those in official position who seek to palliate or excuse the wrong."

## WHAT CAUSED IT.

### The California Earthquake—A Curious Theory.

*From the Sacramento Union, March 27.*

W. F. STEWART, of San Jose, on Monday evening, in the Assembly Chamber, delivered a scientific lecture involving theories of earthquakes, geological formation, light, motion and electricity. For many years STEWART has closely observed and studiously reflected upon earthquakes and their cause. The result of his reading, study and observations is an opinion that they are caused by the passing of electrical currents from one point to another in the earth's surface, the other in the region of clouds, and that they are brought together by those natural conductors, vapor and rain-clouds—the meeting of the two currents upon the surface of the earth causing an earthquake. STEWART also maintains that these terrible phenomena are controllable by the same means that are used to control the lightning and prevent it, through iron conductors, from destroying our houses. He says the iron rails of railways are as logically conductors of the electricity that causes earthquakes as lightning rods are of that electricity. The comet from the clouds during a thunder-storm. He has intimated in his lectures that by means of these and other conductors it is in the power of man to so distribute the force of the electric currents which cause earthquakes that they will be as harmless as the lightning conducted down a lightning-rod into the earth. He says the two continental iron track and wires are already doing this valuable service for California, in sending a part of our earthquake forces far and wide into the heart of the continent, by which distribution the danger and intensity of the shocks are lessened here.

The earthquake that happened here about 2:20 yesterday morning, furnished the most opportune and assuring proof of the soundness of STEWART'S theory. Exactly the atmospheric condition which his theory requires to bring the two electric currents together then existed; and what transpired upon their meeting was precisely that which his theory called for. The shock was felt all along the lines of the railways from Oakland to Winnemucca, being most severe at points nearest to that point where the cloud conductors were most dense, and where the opposing electrical currents may be assumed to have been first brought together. Off the line of the railway any considerable distance there was no perceptible shock, or at least only a very slight one. San Francisco, which is supposed to be standing on the most quaky ground, there was not shock enough to cause alarm, though at Oakland it lasted over a minute, and was startling. In this city it lasted not less than a minute and a half, part of the time severe enough to shake off the plaster from walls, and everywhere to drive people in alarm from their beds and a number out of their houses. At Galt, directly on the line of the railway, twenty-five miles west of here, the shock was strong enough to throw one person out of bed, and it was also heavy on the line of the road eastward from here as far as heard from. In addition to the proofs furnished by this last trembler, we may add that, since the railway track has been laid down, there have been to our knowledge four other earthquakes, all following the very same course this one followed, none of them reaching San Francisco at all, and all of them being felt here as far as heard from directly upon the line of the railway; and when it is reflected that prior to the laying down of these iron conductors Sacramento never felt an earthquake that was not more severely felt at San Francisco, it must be admitted that STEWART'S theory receives much confirmation in experience as entitles it to the most respectful attention from men of science and all others.

### A Point of Model Temperance.

On Wednesday night last JAMES BARCLAY, who holds the position of City Librarian, and THOMAS CAHANY, a shining light in the Tammany ranks, and the partner of Ex-Senator MIKE NORTON, made their appearance at a "Grand Duchess" ball, which was in progress at Continental Hall, at the corner of Eighth-avenue and Thirty-fourth-street, accompanied by a number of their associates. While in the ball-room they advised that BARCLAY should retire from the entertainment, and thereby prevent the use of the managers of the hall requested Officer REYNOL

### A SONG OF MARCH.

The morning streams on sparkling floods.
On gardens, lawns, and joyous woods
The dew-spreut beams of gables old
Shine as if turned to solid gold;
In mazes along the templed eves
The snowdrop white and crocus blaze;
The quick light glints in poplar ranks,
On park-wood pales and violet-banks;
The lane is touched with richer brown,
The eager flock is running down;
Gray sash and elm the sunshine mark
With branchlike shadows sharp and dark;
Now here and there a primrose bright
In mossy yellow greets the light,
And gayly all the air is stirred
By coo of dove and chirping bird;
Now pours the old remembered note
From lark and throstle's speckled throat;
For earth has burst her icy chains,
And freed her half from Winter rains,
And decks with smiles her winsome face,
And touches divine in every place,
Singing of victory over death,
Scenting the air with sweetest breath,
While under heaven's triumphal arch
In glory move the hosts of March.

—*Chambers's Journal.*

### AUNT BESSIE'S MISTAKE.

We were—my young nieces and I—sitting closely round the big white German stove; for the thermometer marked forty degrees of frost, and a Hamburg Winter is for coldness a thing to remember and eke to talk of in the days to come. It was getting late in the evening, and the three girls, the eldest of whom was nearing sixteen, had just seen their father—my well-loved brother John—and their young step-mother, who loved gayety and dancing as fair creatures of her age are apt to do, take their departure in the freezing January air—which had already, since the frost set in, nipped the life out of two coachmen on their boxes and three sentries at their posts—in search of such gayety as is to be found at the ponderous entertainments got up regardless of expense by the merchant-princes of the Free Town.

Since their dear mother's death—a sad event which, as it had happened six years before, time had mercifully softened to us all—I, being an old maid, and more than willing to make myself generally useful, had taken up my abode with John, and endeavored, to the best of my ability, to supply the place of her whom they had lost. They were good children, affectionate and compliant. Perhaps that which was said of me might be true, namely, that I overindulged them as little ones, and showed lack of judgment as they grew older; but, arguing from results, no great harm was done. John was satisfied, and both before and after his second marriage everything went on peaceably in his household; a state of things which he, poor, dear fellow, being of an indolent turn of mind, was quite capable of appreciating at its full value.

The reasons for our being at Hamburg during the bitter Winter of 186– were partly business ones. John's first wife had been half a Dane; and some rich relations living at Altona being desirous of making acquaintance with their deceased kinswoman's children, it was decided (seeing that a certain wealthy old bachelor uncle was failing fast) that no time should be lost in complying with his wishes. "May"—we all called the young step-mother by her Christian name, for she was young and good-natured—made no objection: had she done so, John would have yielded at once. So we set off, a large party—via Hull, for our home was in the north of England—to the cold but hospitable North-German city.

A good many years before, when the girls were tiny trots—indeed, Lottie, the youngest, had not yet made her appearance on life's stage—I had accompanied my brother and his family on a three months' visit to the place in which we had now, in pleasant apartments on the Jungfernstieg, installed ourselves for the Winter. Twelve years and more had slipped away since I, a comparatively young woman then, passed a gay Hamburg Winter, making many acquaintances, and cementing my intimacy with one whom I then thought a valuable friend among the rich inhabitants of the old Hanse town. It was concerning this last-mentioned lady, as to whose character and merits I have long ago discovered that I had made a very decided mistake, that I was about—after some entreaty from the girls, to whom I had once promised a "story" apropos of Hamburg society—as we four sat round the well-heated stove, to open the budget of my memory. Perhaps I was wrong and unwise in doing so. They were so young, so ignorant of evil. Maybe, however, it was as well that the knowledge which is required to make women wise should come by degrees, and accompanied by the "precept upon precept" which *may* help to neutralize its ill effects; and so, believing in this possibility, I began my tale as follows:

"A prettier or a more winning creature than Gertrude Rückmann it would have been hard—twelve years ago, mind, darlings—to find. You will probably soon be able to judge for ourselves whether she has kept the promise of her youth; for your father heard yesterday that the Rückmanns, who have been spending some time in Frankfort, intend shortly to return here for the remainder of the Winter. To go back, however, to my story. Gertrude's mother was an Englishwoman, and about two months before our departure we had made her acquaintance at home, and I—for we had become what girls call friends—greatly looked forward to meeting her again in her own country. She was very gay, fond of admiration, and decidedly, in her way, clever; and as she and I kept up, by mutual consent, the intimacy which had been begun at home, it followed that Gerty, who certainly felt no shyness in talking of herself and her admirers, intrusted me with a good many of the small secrets of her heart. Among these, but this is forestalling, was her very decided liking for a young officer in the Hanoverian service, whose name was Compton, and who was certainly handsome, as well as agreeable, enough to justify her *penchant*."

At this point in my narrative I was momentarily startled by an excited little spring from her place on the floor beside me of Minna, my second niece. Minna was a romantic little puss, who took precocious interest in a love story. The approaching appearance of the hero on the scene had been too much for her equanimity, and hence the eager start, followed by an exclamation of delight, which by her less excitable sisters was summarily and sternly put down.

"Major Compton," I continued, "made his first appearance among us as a single man—"

"Then he was married!" in a voice of utter dismay from Minna, while even grave Laura ejaculated, "O, aunt Bessie, how very flat!"

I was silent for a moment, feeling sorry in my heart for the poor children's disappointment, and then I said soothingly:

"If you will wait a little, and listen patiently, my dears, you will perceive that the individual in my story in whom I expect you will take the most interest is not the handsome Major who, for a short while, turned all our heads, more especially that of Gertrude Rückmann. When this girl, whom I was silly enough to call, for a short time, my dearest friend, was first introduced to Burford Compton—he had Irish blood in his veins, which may partly account for the peculiarities of his conduct—she had not been many days in Hamburg. Her youth and girlhood had been passed in England, and the German relatives with whom she had come to spend the Winter months being quiet unworldly people, there was little chance of their young guest becoming early initiated into the gossip and *on dits* of Hamburg society.

"The ball at which Gertrude Rückmann made her debut was as brilliant as money and liberality combined could make it. The festive entertainment was given by the gay young mercantile bachelors of the city, foreign as well as German, and the cost of it was said to be prodigious. By some it was estimated at 100,000 marks, but that, I must, I think, have been an exaggeration. I shall never totally forget our first dinner at a *table d'hôte*, for that dinner was at the Hôtel Pétersbourg, where a number of young men, who were seated opposite to our party, gave free vent to their high animal spirits, while they discussed now in English and now in German, the arrangements for the already famous fête, which was in a few more days to 'come off,' among those who were most remarkable for their reckless talk and extravagant propositions stood first and foremost a young officer—for such he, even to our unmilitated minds, appeared to be—whom we were destined to know later as Major Burford Compton. I can see him now in his fair Saxon beauty—blue-eyed, brown-haired, tawny-bearded! Tall, handsome beyond all his wa I recollect, a subject for good-humored chaffing among his friends; for, as it would appear, foreign officers are obliged to be closely shaven, and Compton, who had been six months on leave in England, could hardly venture to report himself at head-quarters with that decidedly ornamental appendage to his face. The dinner, as is always the case in Germany, was a very long affair; and as it progressed, our neighbors grew more and more uproarious, sending the champagne-corks right up, when the startling 'pop' came, to the vaulted skylight above our heads; and at last, when the numerous courses had been discussed, and only the dessert remained upon the table, coolly taking out their cigars, preparatory to them and there enjoying the 'smoke' in which their souls delighted. You may suppose that after such a demonstration on their parts, our stay among those noisy, light-hearted, and, I fear, a little excited young men was but short. Your dear father was evidently a trifle put out; for, as he said, he was an old-fashioned person, and could not bring himself to approve of tobacco smoke being puffed from strange men's lips into the faces of his womenkind.

"And what a conceited-looking fellow the fair good-looking one is!" said your poor dear mother, when we began to talk them over.

In this opinion I was inclined to agree; but your father, although strongly objecting to anything approaching to puppyism, differed—a little to my surprise—from us both.

"I don't know when I have ever seen so pleasant a face," was his remark, as he warmed his hands over the big white earthenware stove that stood in the corner of our sitting-room. "So thoroughly English! A countenance which makes one feel it would be so impossible to mistrust the man! I must inquire who he is—no common character, I'll be bound."

It was thus that my brother spoke of the handsome soldier, who, little more than a week later, I watched evidently making himself so agreeable to Gertrude Rückmann on the night of the famous bachelor ball. She had danced with him twice, and I was admiring—I hope without a shade of envy—the beautiful color which exercise and pleasant excitement had called to her cheek, when your dear mother, who had been for some time in close converse with a Hamburg lady who was connected with her by marriage, approached the place where I was standing, and said in a low voice,

"I have been hearing the strangest story about Major Compton. He seems to be very unfortunately situated. He is a married man—which I, for one, never should have guessed—but his wife and he—owing, as most people say, to *her* bad conduct—live apart. She is in England at present, and I should think it would be just as well to give Gertrude Rückmann a hint of her existence. Only look how she is going on with him!"

Poor girl! she was indeed, as your dear mother in her impressive way described it, going on—whispering, flirting, receiving his attentions with such sweet smiles of encouragement! It was in truth time to open her mind to the melancholy fact that she, Gertrude Rückmann, could not, in the normal order of things, hope to be Major Compton's wife.

"My dearest Gerty," I whispered to her the moment I found my friend alone. (I hated the task before me, and being young and foolish, my heart was beating fast.) "have you heard about Major Compton?"

She answered me with provoking composure:

"What about him? Is anything the matter? He was here talking to me three minutes ago, and"—with a coquettish smile—"will probably three minutes hence be here again."

"Oh, don't talk so!" I said excitedly; "but you won't when you know all."

"Know what? My dear Bessie, what a fuss you are in!"

"And so will you be," I exclaimed, a little pettishly, I fear, for her way of taking the matter provoked me, "when you hear that Major Compton is a married man."

Greatly to my surprise and dismay, Gerty at this announcement laughed contemptuously.

"So people say," she rejoined carelessly; "but, my poor Bessie, you will learn in time that you cannot always judge correctly from appearances. But here he is," she whispered; "not a word more! I will tell you everything to-morrow."

This she did, and the "everything" amounted to this, namely, that Burford Compton had, by his own account providentially discovered that an informality in his marriage with one who—according to his version of the case—was simply detestable, empowered him at any moment to free himself from his hated bonds, and unite himself, should he so choose, to a more congenial partner.

"I never heard of a more odious woman!" said Gertrude, on whom the details of the miseries by which the handsome Major's conjugal life was embittered had evidently made a deep impression. "She is a foreigner, and has not, he says, a single nice English habit. And then she is so ill-tempered, and so dreadfully unfeeling. Their poor little boy was lost—is supposed to have fallen into the Alster—just the very day before the great frost set in. Major Compton says that he died in despair, but that she took it so coolly! Even when she was told that it might be weeks, or even months, before the poor child's body could—thanks to a thaw—be sought for, and possibly recovered, she seems to have shown no sense of emotion."

"And where is Mrs. Compton now?" I asked, feeling, I must own (so apt are we to be run away with by strongly-urged testimony, especially when that testimony comes from the lips of one who has a right to be well informed on the matter,) a considerable leaning in the way of sympathy toward this ill-mated Englishman.

"I don't know—traveling somewhere, I believe. Major Compton is quite sure she is running him into debt; but he shrinks, poor man, so sensitively from taking the necessary steps to restrain her. It really seems a sad case. And he has such a kind heart; and actually cannot live, he says, without sympathy and affection."

After this, Major Compton—of whose married life, by the way, very little was known in Hamburg—became a frequent visitor, both at our house and the one where Gertrude Rückmann temporarily resided. We all liked him: indeed he was universally popular, and society was apparently unanimous in the opinion that the lady who had been so little known in the city—indeed, she had only resided therein for one short fortnight, the fortnight preceding the loss of her little boy—was the one of the two who was solely and entirely in fault. The excellence, the perfection of his temper, and the kindliness of Burford Compton's heart spoke in a manner not to be mistaken in every feature of his handsome face. There could be no mistake about it, *les absents ont toujours tort*; and Mrs. Compton—or Countess Feuigstein, as her husband said she insisted, notwithstanding his great objection to her doing so, on being called—was reprobated and abused accordingly.

Well, to cut a long story short, Gertrude, impressed with the belief that the Major was in reality a single man, grew as attached to him as her nature was capable of being. That she would one day—when the truth concerning his marriage with his supposed wife should be made apparent—be led to the altar by her fascinating admirer, the infatuated girl firmly believed: and it was when this blissful dream was at its height that the frost, broke up, the passage of the Elbe became open for steamers, and the hour of our departure drew nigh. But before we took our leave of the pleasant sunny Jungfernstieg, we were made cognizant of the fact that the search in the now unfrozen waters of the Alster for the bodies of those whose remains had been for months locked up therein, was taking place. Many were taken out, but among them, much to the surprise of Hamburg society, was not the little six-year-old corpse of Major Compton's son. He, during that trying season of suspense, remained in his own apartments; but it leaked out that his state of exutement was most interesting, and public sympathy with his sufferings was proportionately great. It had hardly begun to subside when our party—something to my regret, for we left many kind friends behind us—found ourselves steaming rapidly away in the John Bull to London.

"And now, my dears," I continued, "comes the pith and marrow of a story which you have, I fear, found lacking in interest, but which I have undertaken to tell in order that you may see the advantage of looking before you leap, or, in other words, of not being carried away by your impulses.

I had not been more than a week in London before I received a letter, in an unknown but foreign hand, signed Marie Compton, nee Feuigstein, requesting me in meek yet urgent terms to meet her, at any hour which it pleased me to appoint, in Kensington Gardens. You may imagine my surprise. For a short time I hesitated as to whether or not I should accede to this strange request, but curiosity got the better of every other feeling, and I went."

"And what was she like?" O, aunt Bessie, how oddly you must have felt!"

"Oddly, indeed, and a good deal ashamed of myself, too, when I looked at the sweet, gentle face and heard the plaintive, uncomplaining words of the woman who had come to meet me.

"'You will forgive me, won't you?' You look kind, and you will tell me how I can make my English husband love me?'

"This was the burden of her piteous song. She had heard that he had been much with us and with Mlle. Rückmann, and she hoped to learn from me how, with all her love for him, she had failed to win his tenderness. There was no jealousy, no word of complaint of him; only a breaking heart clinging to a last and well-nigh desperate hope! What could I say to her? How preach to that gentle creature on the text of her great folly? She had given up all for love, and what was left to her in exchange? Simply nothing!

"We talked together long, and she seemed to take such comfort from my sympathy, that we parted like friends of years. Afterward I learned that her appearance, her words and manner, had not belied her character. She was, at the time I speak of, (search a dissembler was the Major,) staying with his people, who fully recognized her sweet and amiable qualities; while the child—ah, I am doubtful whether she was not in fault there, being evil that good might come—had never been lost at all, but was taken away by his anxious mother, who feared for him the effects of evil example; the example of a parent who, while caring nothing for the boy, amused himself by teaching the little fellow to drink and use bad words. Ah, hers was a hard life, poor soul, and certainly she acted for the best.

"'And how did it end?' 'Did she go back to him?' 'And are they happier now?' were the questions with which, in their haste to hear the sequel, I was simultaneously assailed by my young auditors.

"Yes," I answered dreamily, for my thoughts were with the past, "the poor thing returned to her unloving mate, for her sense of duty was strong. Happily, however, for her—although I doubt whether she has ever realised that truth—Major Compton was killed soon after in a duel, and she, I hear, has devoted herself ever since to the child, which is the source of all her earthly happiness."

"How sad!" murmured Minnie; "I was so in hopes that she and her husband would have been happy together in the end."

"It may be," I said, "that to the last poor Mrs. Compton shared that hope; but, dear children, remember this, that in marrying a thoroughly selfish man who has no principle to guide him straight, a woman's chances against shipwreck of her happiness are simply *nil*. And now, for the fire is burning low, suppose we take ourselves to bed. It is ten o'clock, and we must not forget our beauty sleep."

Half an hour afterward the girls were in the land of dreams, while I, the middle-aged folks will, lay long awake, thinking of the days gone by, and the youth which had flown away for ever.—*Tinsley's Magazine.*

### MY FIRST SALMON.

Never heard how I killed my first salmon? Well, come, sit down beside me under the old chestnut, and hear the thrilling story. Ah! how the dear old memories come over me. Shall I ever forget that eventful day?

I remember that for some days previously I had been fearfully chaffed about my apparent want of success in the gentle art—an empty creal being the absurd and unjust criterion by which I was judged—chaffed most unmercifully by those charming girls staying at Glenmuir; chaffed and thoroughly well "bean-bagged." But stay. Perhaps you do not know the delights of bean-bagging, what bean-bags are, or how bean-bags are played? No! Then I will tell you; and if you get nothing else from the perusal of the story I am about to relate, you will thank me to the last hour of your existence for initiating you into the mysteries of bean-bags.

All that is necessary is a small canvas, muslin, or linen bag, about four inches square, containing beans or split peas. That is all. But the use of them? Ah! therein lies bliss untold. The game is played by two people—one, of course, being of the gentler sex—youth and beauty indispensable. The old and ugly, as in a good many other games I wot of, are completely out of it. In fact, I have often heard the latter aver they never could see any fun in bean-bags; but I repeat, in a country house, on a wet day, or with nothing else to do, to take a bean-bag in each hand, stand opposite your antagonist—the young and fair—at about ten paces' distance, prepared for action, is a moment worth living for. Your enemy commences by throwing the bag held in her right hand at you, which you are to catch in your left, at the same time throwing your right-hand bag at her; then you must quickly pass the one caught from left to right, and throw it. The game thus proceeds; and as each player is in possession of two bags, a keen look out for balls is necessary. I need hardly say that, after about three minutes' serious play, the whole thing ends in a regular romp; the fair one, having perhaps failed to catch a bag, sends them all at your head anyhow. You retaliate the best way you can consistent with mercy, and a general engagement follows. Again I repeat, bean-bags is great fun. Try it, and you will concur in my opinion, and bless me for putting you up to so good a thing. Pardon the digression; but I could not resist it. The memory of the dear old game, especially with one certain—Ah, well; never mind!

Well, as I said, I had been greatly chaffed by every one at the house, and I had determined on this particular morning to do or die, my resolve to do being considerably stronger than my desire for death in case of failure. I must candidly confess, however, that I never was a great success in the art of old Izaak Walton. Old Izaak did love the surroundings. I loved the sport immensely, it is true; but I loved it, not so much for what I could or did catch, but for its necessary and attendant surroundings. To me, in those dear romantic days, it was indeed bliss to stroll along the banks or up the centre of some lovely rapid trout stream, with a pipe in my mouth, enjoying thoroughly the beauties of nature, the glorious sensations of youth and perfect health: occasionally sitting down and dreaming dreams—ah, such dreams!—and nursing and indulging in such delusive hopes and thoughts, which never could possibly, by the most miraculous combination of circumstances, be realized except in—dreams. All this, under the soothing influence of the blending of the sweet music of the waters of the running clear stream, with the cooing of the doves, and the wild and clear notes of the nightingale, made me realise that "I have been blessed."

Sleeping dreams, they say, are unaccountable; and we certainly do see in our nightly and sleeping visions, while wandering through unknown and perhaps impossible worlds, a strange, heterogeneous mass of unheard-of things; but verily I believe, in our wide-awake moments, we, one and all, have indulged in dreams of a far wilder and more impossible nature than gentle sleep could ever introduce into our imaginative brain.

Hallo! another digression. I really must get on, or you will begin to wonder if this "fish" was ever caught at all.

The day was one I had been longing for in vain for some time; cloudy, with no great heat in the air, and a delicious breeze that would beautifully ripple the waters of the "Ladies' Pool," the scene of my intended operations. My faithful gillie Simon had been duly warned to be in attendance at ten precisely; and, as the clock struck that hour, I was greeted by his old honest, though whisky-drinking face, with the following remark:

"Are yer for the pool th' morn, Sir? For, if me, we maun gang at anes, as there is just a grand breeze on the water, and if ye'll no get a fash the day, my name's no Simon."

With these words of encouragement, I was proceeding to leave the house by the least-frequented path, and, as I hoped and trusted, unobserved. But no; mercy for this day, at all events, had deserted me, for I had hardly got clear of the house before a torrent of chaff and shouts of laughter, aimed at me from an upper window, fell upon my devoted head, much, I fear—shall I confess it?—to Simon's secret amusement, which my evident chagrin only increased.

"Simon, can't you find a blind one for the Captain this morning?"

"Ah, Harry, my boy, believe me, the only way to learn to fish is to go out without your breakfast, with the consciousness of the necessity of having to fish for your dinner."

"You had much better come back and play bean-bags."

"And what was she like? O, aunt Bessie, how oddly you must have felt!"

"Oddly, indeed, and a good deal ashamed of myself, too, when I looked at the sweet, gentle face and heard the plaintive, uncomplaining words of the woman who had come to meet me.

"'You will forgive me, won't you?

a great artist to paint with loving hand, and hardly will he succeed, limn he never so cunningly. To me the memory of these places is like that of a beautiful dream of fairyland, vivid and bright, but utterly beyond the pale of description.—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

FAST WOMEN.—A hideous word, representing a hideous thing, has found its way into our language. Purists might well object when they heard of fast men; but criticism was stupefied when it was invited to contemplate fast women. A fast woman, to a person accustomed to hold by the niceties of language, sounds like a perverse paradox; it is a contradiction in terms, *utroque sinalinea cypso.* Many impossibilities, however, have become glaring facts in these wonderful days; and we do possess, there can be no doubt of it, both black swans and fast women. Whether snow will, by the law of progress, soon be black too, we must wait and see. Meanwhile, a woman, and even a girl, who is not just a trifle fast is a poor creature; fit for a rural rectory, a Quaker hearth, to be a Dorothea Casaubon, if one likes, but utterly disqualified from passing the very portals of polite life. The very basis of fastness is to be familiar; and we must protest that even *Philistia* living now he would never dream of directing us to be "familiar," but by no means vulgar." Any reserve of manner or any reticence of speech savors so insufferably of slowness, that to say everything and do just as you like are two golden rules. Distance no longer lends enchantment to a woman's view of man; the less deference or hesitation he displays in his manner, the more closely and the more rapidly he approaches her, the better chance has he of conciliating her favor. The surest path to her partiality is to treat her as a "good fellow," and while—*credite posteri!*—she will not hesitate playfully to assure him that he is a "pig," and that somebody else is a "beast," the highest compliment he can pay her in return is to inform her that she is a "brick." It is our boast that we are no longer a pastoral people. Is it on that account that the Damon and Amaryllis of Mayfair exchange amenities in a language borrowed from the vocabulary of Arcadia? With such evidences of reciprocal respect, we cannot be surprised if, in speaking of their male acquaintance, young ladies no longer think it worth while to retain titles of courtesy, as to husband, with the prefix of Mr., but give the surname *tout bonnement*, and not unoften the Christian name, again abbreviated or travestied with all the felicitous familiarity of the play-ground. They themselves often delight in nicknames, for which a male acquaintance is usually sponsor. It would be unreasonable to expect under such circumstances that manner would be better than matter; and the women who permit themselves all these liberties of speech are not afraid of being overheard. A voice gentle and low is no longer deemed excellent. They have been converted by the legal maxim, *de non apparentibus et non existentibus eadem est ratio*, and take care, therefore, to be, in their own sweet language, "well to the fore." None of their observations are thrown away, and they are more anxious to parade and proclaim their nonsense even than a person of judgment is to whisper his wit. They would stare a *vond* of the last century out of countenance, and if they do not understand *double entendres* that would do credit to CONGREVE, their simulation of intelligence does them gross injustice.—*Temple Bar.*

MORE GOVERNMENT WANTED AS CIVILIZATION ADVANCES.—It is an opinion of some people, but, as I contend, a wrong and delusive opinion, that, as civilization advances, there will be less and less need for government. I maintain that, on the contrary, there will be more and more need. It is a melancholy fact, but it is a fact, that civilization is mostly attended by complication. And, moreover, it is attended by a diminution of power, as regards individual effort. I always like to strengthen an abstract statement by some concrete illustration. Now, take lighting for instance. There was but little occasion for government regulations when the lighting of each particular house, in great cities, entirely depended upon the owner of that house. But now, when the lighting, not only of public streets, but of private dwellings, is chiefly effected by four or five great centres of lighting in a town, the whole of this function has entered into the domain of government, for no one private person has power enough to regulate the matter for himself, or can in any way insure that the quality of his light shall be what he desires. A similar course of argument applies to several of the primary requisites for the well-being and comfort of human life. Water supply, drainage, sewerage, means of locomotion, all enter the same category. I maintain that the wisest and the richest man among us, the man, too, who shall have the most leisure, is perfectly incompetent, especially if he lives in a great town, to provide for himself some of these primary requisites of life. Having once thrown in his fate and his fortunes among an agglomerated mass of people, it is to the government alone that he can look for protection.

I am well aware that the foregoing remarks may be held to indicate the advantage of a form of government, which is not approved of by many persons, who, moreover, think we have outgrown it; but which, on the contrary, I hold to be one that we must advance into, rather than recede from. This form of government is called "paternal government."

We are now brought face to face with the nice and difficult question, of what is justly "paternal" action in government, and what is unreasonable interference. I admit that the moment this paternal government does anything for any individual which he can do as well for himself, it is needlessly interfering, and tends to dwarf his powers of action, and of self-improvement. But if, on the other hand, it neglects to do that which cannot be done by its children, as individuals, it inevitably cripples the well-being and improvement of the individual, and so far tends to render him a stunted creature.—*From Thoughts Upon Government, by Arthur Helps.*

OFFICERS OF THE COMMUNE.—And here I wish I could paint for you as CARL VERNET would have done (in body colors though) an *estafette de la commune*, galloping across the Place de la Concorde or elsewhere, with all the absorbing importance of a king's or queen's messenger, hoisted on an omnibus horse, his legs hanging totally independent of the stirrups, which they seemed to disdain, their movement as a *pas horizontale à cheval*, while that of the arms is a perpendicular, keeping time with the pace of the horse, while legs and stirrups make each a separate *ballotte* against the ribs of the poor animal, which must with difficulty have accustomed itself to the unusual treatment. The military equipment of the cavalier "*laissait à désirer sous bien des rapports*," cleanliness especially. The different parts of the costume were kept together, "*tant bien que mal*," by a leather belt, to which was hung a *gourde*, and you may suppose what that contained. He was armed or not, according as the emergency of the message had permitted time to take the sword or revolver which ought to have formed a conspicuous part of his getup. The *coiffure de fantaisie*—a shako or *képi*. Sometimes the head, unaccustomed to its military *couvre-chef*, would lose it *en route*, and the orderly, or *donzer*, or aid-de-camp, or whatever he styled himself, who galloped a few paces in the rear, was far too much occupied with his own affairs—that of sticking on his steed—to be anxious to keep up with the officer, to stay and pick it up. Besides, that would have involved the necessity of getting down and up again. We saw this happen more than once, but never witnessed a fall of either master or man; so ignorant audacity succeeds where merit fails, and brigands of Communists keep on their horses while *cuirassiers de la garde* sometimes roll in the mud. But to the orderly. He was generally a spare hard-looking workman; (I imagine the big ones never ventured on horseback;) the dress, always military, (I never saw a blouse on these cavaliers,) was in the same *abandonné* style as his superiors. With his right hand he clutches the reins, the left being employed in holding on by the pommel, while his eyes are fixed with intense anxiety on the tail of the animal before him, so fearful is he of not being able to keep up with it. Thus did you see these functionaries tear through Paris, frequently, one felt convinced, for the sole purpose of startling the rare pedestrians and frightening the old women as they sailed.

But the young officers of the Garde Nationale were the richest specimens. The uniform bright and new, gold lace in profusion; they held their swords with the left hand, quite *en règle*; in fact the scene, though exaggerated and false, was not so bad, considering who they were, and in how short a time their transformation had been effected.

They were really *des garçons coiffeurs, parfumeurs, corsetiers, en gobelotterie* (tin-workers,) *carpes bouchers*. In the lots I saw several *diseurs en passementerie* (braid-workers,) which one would have imagined a quiet trade. The *corriers chapeliers* (hatters,) are a very bad set, but there were none of this class; numbers, however, were *commis* in the *magasins de nouveautés.*—*Temple Bar.*

ANECDOTE OF COLLEY CIBBER.—The story of COLLEY CIBBER'S first establishment as a hired actor at Drury-lane Theatre runs thus:

He was known only for some years by the name of "Master COLLEY." After waiting patiently a long time for the prompter's notice, by good fortune he obtained the honor of carrying a message on the stage; in some play, to BETTERTON. Whatever was the cause, Master COLLEY was so terrified that the scene was disconcerted by him. BETTERTON asked, in some anger, who the young fellow was who committed the blunder.

"Master COLLEY," was the reply.

"Master COLLEY! Then, forfeit him."

"Why, Sir," said the prompter, "he has no salary."

"No!" said the old man. "Why, then, put him down ten shillings a week, and forfeit him five."—*Once a Week.*

A JAPANESE INN.—The evening was far advanced when I reached Fujisawa and rode up to the Suzukiya, once a porcelain-shop, now a really excellent hostelry, where, to my astonishment and delight, I found the luxury of a table and a very hard, straight-backed chair, such as our great grandmothers sat in and were contented, such as we, more effeminate, vote to be an instrument of torture. The room was so natty and tidy as to deserve a few words of description. The sliding panels were covered with a smart new paper, decorated with a pattern of fans sprinkled over it with marvelous effect; the *tokonoma*, the raised recess, which is the place of honor, was supported on one side by a wooden pillar, composed of a single tree stripped of its bark so as to be perfectly smooth, and contained one of those quaint recess sets of shelves which have their origin in a piece of obsolete etiquette. When persons of rank used to meet together in old days to drink and be merry, they would lay aside their caps and dirks, the man of highest rank placing his traps upon the highest shelf, those of lower rank not presuming even to allow their caps to take a precedence which did not belong to them. This is said to have occasioned the invention of those shelves which in lacquer cabinets must have puzzled collectors at Christie and Manson's. The mats and woodwork, which are the pride of the Japanese householder, were white and new, the beams decorated with carving of no mean taste. One solitary picture, executed with wonderful freedom of touch and grotesqueness, represented, in a few bold strokes of the brush, a group of husbandmen sowing rice in the field, and on one side of the drawing was a distich running thus:

"Useless even for drugs,
How happy are the frogs!"

The literal translation must plead my excuse for the badness of the rhyme. I was not a little puzzled by the meaning of the couplet until SHIRAKI came to the rescue and solved the riddle.

"Sir," said he pompously, "here is a lesson of humility and content conveyed in a parable. It is a fact which will meet with the imperial assent, the frogs are of no use in the world either as food or even as medicine."

"Very good food," I objected, "either in a curry as eaten at Hong Hong, or with a white sauce as at Paris."

SHIRAKI smiled a smile that was incredulous. "Some insects feed upon smartweed. However that may be, we say that the frogs being useless, no man interferes with them, and they are allowed to live out their lives in undisturbed peace. So it is with the farmers: their position is lowly, but they have none of the cares which haunt greatness; therefore they should be contented, and the poet praises their modest lot."—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

MODERN MANNERS.—We are not much afraid of contradiction when we say that modern manners unfortunately are not good; and we expect to have the whole world on our side when we add that they are nearly always excessively, and in many instances intolerably, familiar. We heard it remarked only the other day that there are but few gentlemen in England and none out of it. The observation is too epigrammatical to be quite accurate, but it contains an element of truth. We are dealing only with English modern manners, and shall therefore be spared any invidious comparison with the manners of other countries, save in so far as they may incidentally illustrate our meaning; but we fear that it is no exaggeration to say that fine manners exist among us almost exclusively as a tradition. A few old people linger here and there to deepen the contrast between what was once an acknowledged standard of deportment and the various self-constituted types of free-and-easy behavior which represent the younger ideas of social address. But these octogenarians are, in their quiet way, the most severe critics of habits utterly alien to their prior experience, and do but confirm the unfavorable view we have formed. It is in a thousand ways that this hideous familiarity, this want of reserve, of self-respect and of respect for others, is manifested; but never is it more noticeable than in conversation. Listening has long been pronounced, in modern phraseology, a bore; and one of the most striking features of modern politeness is a readiness to know all you are going to say before you have said it. One is constantly prohibited, in practice, from finishing one's sentences. They are finished by proxy, or suppressed in order to give way to a premature rejoinder. Another respectable element of conversation is now regarded as "a bore;" and that is, seriousness. The only persons who are considered as duly qualified to converse are the persons who can be unflagginly jocose; witty we do not say, for wit presupposes gravity and reflection, while any fool can be funny. Funny fools are at present much in request, and their particular vocation absolves them from all obligation to be either decent or respectful. They may say anything provided it raises a laugh, and take any name in vain so only it conduce to our merriment. Every man of spirit now aspires to be a chartered libertine in the matter of speech; and the unhappy individuals whose tongues are restrained by old-fashioned prejudices are driven into a cold and silent corner, whence they contemplate the lively sallies of unchastened humor with an amazement not always unembittered by chagrin. In the very highest society these phenomena may be witnessed; indeed they obtrude themselves upon our notice. Nor, even in the matter of dress, in which men of fashion are supposed to be so particular, are signs wanting that here too the familiar non-respectful spirit is gaining an entrance. In London where carelessness in such a matter is practically impossible, and where indeed there is no temptation to it, inasmuch as a man must be prepared, morning, noon and night, for the presence of strangers by whom he would on no account be caught off his guard, no complaint can be urged. But truly good manners, like charity, begin at home; and politeness will not forget its duties even in the country, and when a mother, sister, or aunt is the only judge. Yet we have heard the finest ladies complain that their sons, brothers, and nephews pronounce it to be "a bore" to don the dress which we have agreed to consider appropriate for dinner, when they are strictly in the bosom of their family, and not in London, and we have ourselves been invited "not to bother," but to present ourselves in costume that prophesied an evening in the smoking or billiard-room rather than in the drawing-room. By some people this will be regarded as a small matter, and especially by those among whom, as we can well understand, what is called evening dress is not habitually put on. When it is not expected, the omission of it can give no offense and presumes no familiarity. But when it has long been rigorously insisted on to preterm it the custom on certain exceptional occasions, because "it is a bore," is surely no unimportant sign of the times.—*Temple Bar.*

## ART NOTES.

A correspondent inquires whether TROYON'S "Abreuvoir Pyrenéen" from the Pereire collection, recently sold by auction in Paris for 68,000 francs, was ever exhibited in this country. From all the information we are able to obtain, it appears that a picture resembling the one in question was sent to this City by Messrs. E. GAMBART & Co., of London, many years ago. Our informant, however, is satisfied that the Gambart picture and the one in the Pereire collection are not the same. He further says: "The price of a picture of course does not fix its value, but some of TROYON'S pictures, 24 by 30, have ever brought one-sixth of the price of that just sold in Paris." The large landscape by TROYON, belonging to Mr. ALBERT BIERSTADT, exhibited last year in the Academy of Design, was sold in Boston recently, we understand, for $6,000.

The Trustees of the National Gallery, London, are considering the propriety of purchasing a Raphael for £25,000. The commissioners doubt whether it is a work of the great master, and characterize it as "poor, feeble and faulty in drawing."

The Albert Memorial in Hyde Park, said to be the finest work of its kind ever produced, will soon be completed. The bas-reliefs on the base are from the designs of different artists.

An ingenious Englishman claims to have discovered a method of taking photographic panoramic views of natural scenery.

TITIAN'S celebrated picture, "The Madonna with the Veil," supposed to have been destroyed during the sack of Rome by the Constable BOURBON, has been discovered in a chateau belonging to Dr. RITTER.

Mr. ALBERT BIERSTADT has received from the Emperor of Russia the Stanislaus Cross, in recognition of attentions offered to Prince ALEXIS during his stay here.

The forty-seventh annual exhibition of the National Academy of Design will open on Friday next. The private view and reception will take place as usual on the previous evening.

Some fine ale and bas-reliefs from the ruins of the great Temple of Diana, at Ephesus, recently discovered by Mr. J. T. WOOD, have been sent to England. The ruins of this grand edifice are covered by twenty-two feet of sand and *débris*, and are a considerable distance from the location hitherto pointed out as the site of the temple. Mr. WOOD discovered the ruins by following from the Magnesian gate of the city the ancient roadway, which appeared to have been most used. The relics are at least 2,000 years old.

### Art in Glass-Ware.

There is no more beautiful or interesting passage in WENDELL PHILLIPS' popular lecture on "Lost Arts" than that which refers to the moulding, manipulation, and staining of glass by antique and medieval artists. The public and private collections of art throughout Europe, setting aside antique sculpture and the great master-pieces of painting, contain little that is more attractive or more delightful in examination than the glasses of Venice and Bohemia, or the porcelains of Dresden and of Sevres; and the grand Gothic cathedrals owe no little of their sublime power over the imagination to the stained and storied windows, through which the religious rays, tinted with beauty, reveal the grandeur of the designs of a Palladio or an Angelo, or soften the exquisite hues of an Afra piece by a Rubens or a Raphael. But though it is true that the art of staining glass seems to have been lost with the faith that hallowed the legends, it so gloriously illustrated modern ingenuity, perseverance and industry can and do still make of the brittle glass the hand-maid of an art scarce inferior in beauty, and substituting in fineness what it fails to attain in grandeur, and offering the pure brilliancy of the diamond in exchange for the chemical powers of color.

At the exhibition of Paris nothing more strongly arrested the eye of the connoisseur than the carved glass of England. In this ware, the house of Messrs. DOBSON & CO. bore off the palm. This firm have lately established a branch sales-room in New-York at No. 166 Fifth-avenue, where they receive special orders for individual designs and display specimens of the art in every branch. The salesmen are always willing to show and explain the beauty of the ware, and this makes a visit to this store interesting even to purchasers of the merest trifles.

The first thing that arrests the eye is a service of their extraordinarily clear glass. This service is complete for thirty-six people. It consists of large water-jugs of elegant design and perfect carving, carafles for each guest, claret-jugs and Burgundy jugs, glasses for sherry, port, claret, champagne and hock wines, decanters, ice-cream plates, punch-bowls and punch-glasses, goblets, tumblers, compotiers, also used as centre-pieces; then there are liqueur-jugs and glasses. From the large centre-pieces to the tiniest liqueur-glass the general design is the same, and the wonderful cutting, however elaborate, appears on the tiniest glass, under microscopic examination, as delicate and as perfect as a chasing of CELLINI'S on the solid silver. This service has not yet been delivered to its purchaser, and remains at No. 166 Fifth-avenue for a few days longer.

A walk through the Doncaster store, with an examination of the carved glass therein, would be likely to afford Mr. WENDELL PHILLIPS an appendix to his lecture on the "Lost Arts" in glass by providing him with a section on a discovered art in the same material.

ENGRAVING.

### Fair for the Benefit of St. Luke's Home for Indigent Females.

The Ladies' Board of Managers of St. Luke's Home for Indigent Christian Females, will hold a Fair at Apollo Hall, Broadway, commencing Tuesday next, in aid of that institution and especially for completing and furnishing the new and commodious building on Madison-avenue, corner of Eighty-ninth-street. The ladies present a very attractive programme, including a variety of evening entertainments—music and a gallery of rare and interesting pictures. The character and purpose of the institution warrant the managers in asking the favor of the public for their undertaking. Donations of the Fair will be gratefully received, and may be sent to any member of the Executive Committee. President, Mrs. Henry A. Smythe, No. 21 East Fourteenth-street; Vice-President, Mrs. John Priestly, No. 29 West Eleventh-street; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. C. Moore, No. 169 West Fourteenth-street; Secretary, Miss Ellen Kendall, No. 53 West Twenty-fifth-street; Mrs. A. T. Clayton, No. 20 West Twelfth-street; Mrs. G. C. Collins, No. 33 West Twenty-fifth-street; Mrs. T. R. Jackson, No. 21 West Forty-ninth-street; Miss E. Pott, No. 137 East Sixteenth-street; Mrs. Wm. Habirshaw, No. 6 West Forty-eighth-street; Mrs. J. M. Martin, No. 5 East Thirty-fifth-street; Mrs. C. H. Pierce, No. 14 East Thirty-first-street; Mrs. P. G. Hubert, No. 50 East Seventy-ninth-street; Mrs. R. B. Vanklecek, Flatbush.

### The Prosecution of Gould.

Attorney-General BARLOW has commenced a suit in the Supreme Court at Albany against JAY GOULD and FREDRICK A. LANE, to recover any sum of money which they may have fraudulently obtained during their management of the Erie Railway. In instituting this suit he held no consultation with the present directors, and gave them no information of his designs, and they were as much surprised as JAY GOULD himself. As Gen. DIX is the present manager, suit has also been brought against him as a matter of form. He was served three days ago, and Mr. BARLOW, counsel for the railway, at once acknowledged the service. The Stock Exchange was not influenced in any way by the news, and Erie remained firm at 69¾. Mr. SWANN and the American shareholders' party, though pleased at the prospect of GOULD'S prosecution, are doubtful of the effect of BARLOW'S measure, as they say that GOULD covered up his tracks with an ingenuity and minuteness almost incredible, providing for the most trifling details. It is the opinion of Wall-street generally that he has got rid of the whole, or nearly the whole of his stock.

### Departure of the Attaches of the Japanese Embassy.

Seven of the attachés of the Japanese Embassy left for England yesterday in the *Baltic*, the magnificent new steamer of the White Star line. The names of the attachés are: N. NAKAJIMA, Prince of Hisun, and his two attendants; K. KATSUKI and S. TAMAKUSKI, son of IWAKURA, the Ambassador, Y. HYAKUTAKE and A. SAWARA. Among the other passengers was Capt. E. LYONS, of the British Army, brother of Lord LYONS. By the hospitality of the Steam-ship Company, a large number of the friends of the foreigners were enabled to enjoy an excellent banquet and a trip on the steamer down the Bay, for the Lotos Club-house, quite a throng coming back to the City by a tender.

## THE BUREAU OF COMBUSTIBLES.

### The Sale of Adulterated Kerosene—Prosecutions of the Sellers of Illegal Gasoline—Dangerous and Inflammable Compounds.

The Bureau of Combustibles is busily engaged in prosecuting all cases of violation of the laws regulating the sale of kerosene oil. When the Bureau first went into operation, about the 15th of June, 1871, the sale of impure or adulterated kerosene was quite common among the small dealers, whose stock in trade did not often exceed $25 in value. As a matter of course, in all cases of this kind the judgments which were obtained were not worth the paper they were printed on, but the prosecution had the effect of largely breaking up the traffic. The mode of prosecution is very simple. The City is districted, and collectors are sent out daily who call at all places within their assigned district where kerosene is sold. They collect samples, which are taken to Mr. ROBINSON at the Bureau Head-quarters in Amity-street, and he submits them to the test required by law, which is a burn test at 100° Fahrenheit. Under the former law, the test was a burning test at 100° Fahrenheit, the difference being about 120. In case the oil does not stand the required test, he sadly is inclined to stop the sale, and another collector is sent to obtain a sample a day or two after. If the second sample proves defective as the first, the complaint is made, and suits are commenced against the parties. This system has gone far toward putting a pure article in the market in this City, but all accidents occurring in Brooklyn, Westchester or the vicinity are generally reported in the papers in such a manner as to lead to the erroneous supposition that the New-York Bureau has control in those places.

On Thursday last, in the Third District Court, before Justice FOWLER, several cases were tried, and in sixteen of them a fine of $25 was inflicted in each case. There are yet a large number to be disposed of. The most notable of these cases is that against GEO. L. SMITH, of No. 40 East Broadway, who manufactures and sells an article called liquid gas. This is a compound of petroleum oil with various other articles, for the manufacture of which Mr. SMITH claims to have a patent. At the inspection of his premises this fluid was found an inflammable vapor. A great many fires have occurred from its use, and the Fire Commissioners consider it one of the most dangerous articles sold for illuminating purposes. Mr. SMITH claims that he is protected by reason of his patent, and that the City is, therefore, powerless to prevent him—unconstitutional. There are other defenses. The Union torpedoes were also a patented article, but were always refused license by the Commissioners, and at the explosion in Beekman-street, last Fall, while a suit was pending against them, the United States patent, the torpedoes and the proprietor all went up together, and that species of fire-works is extinct.

The prosecutions thus far have been for the purpose of enforcing the law, and not for the recovery of penalties; and they have not been vindictively pressed where the parties have expressed a willingness to comply with the law.

CHARLES CHANDLER, the Chemist of the Board of Health, has co-operated with the Fire Commissioners in various ways in the enforcement of these sanitary regulations. In a lecture recently delivered by him at the Cooper Institute, he illustrated the result of fire on garments respectively saturated in oil and water, and would pass the test; those from the former on being brought immediately in contact with the flames failed to ignite, the latter were instantly enveloped in flame, and could only be extinguished by the aid of a fire-extinguisher.

Experts state positively that pure kerosene, at thirty cents a gallon, in addition to being safer, is cheaper than the adulterated article, or the liquid sold at twenty cents a gallon. This is of great importance to the poorer class of purchasers, who require the greatest safety and volume of light in the economy of their houses.

## BOARD OF AUDIT.

### Claims Audited and Ordered to be Paid Yesterday—Bills Laid Over.

The Board of Audit met yesterday afternoon. The following claims, presented at previous meetings, were declared duly audited and ordered to be paid:

Bills for serving Notices of unpaid taxes for 1869: Robert Gardiner, Ernst Ertel, McDonald, Patrick H. Stewart, Edward Brannigan, John Whelan, Edward Roche and Patrick Reilly, $228 each, making in the aggregate $1,596.

JOSEPH E. PORTER, for services as counsel in the case of The People against WILLIAM M. TWEED and others, $5,000.

PETER V. BURSTYLL, for salary as assistant probate clerk, to December, 1871, $333 34.

The claims for salaries of the armorers of the different regiments of the National Guard, (which, when presented, were published in detail,) in the aggregate, $2,740.

Commissioners of Charities and Correction, for the salaries of teachers employed in the "schools connected with the Alms-house," $7,200.

Commissioners of Charities and Correction, for claims for supplies, $6,138 86.

BAKER, VOORHIS & CO. for law books furnished to the Counsel to the Corporation, $385 25.

J. E. CALLAN, for rent of No. 1,774 Lexington-avenue, occupied by the President of the College of the City of New-York, two months, $500.

Pay-roll of the Department of Public Works, $2,707.

W. H. SMITH, for rent of premises on One Hundred and Fifty-first-street, occupied by the Fire Department from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1871, $150.

GUSTAV FISCHER, for salary as tutor in the College of the City of New-York, to October, $250.

EDWARD BURKE, for work performed at the College of the City of New-York, $36.

Salaries of the attaches of the Board of Aldermen, $13,100 66.

Salaried of the attaches of the Board of Assistant Aldermen, $8,056 66.

Claims for rent from Department of Public Instruction, $17,691 66.

Deputy Coroners' claims for 1871, $15,543.

CLAIMS PRESENTED AND LAID OVER.

ANDREW J. SMITH, for salaries, Bureau of Arrears, $3,399 96.

CHARLES GUIDET, paving and repairing Fifty-ninth-street, from Eighth to Tenth-avenue, $7,148 39.

MURPHY & NESBITT, material for New Court-house, Third District, $9,124 06.

BENJAMIN P. CREME, Superintendent of Parks, $1,433 33.

A. CASEY HALL, bill for expenses, petty cash, &c., advertising, &c., for 1871, $1,000.

New-York *Evening Post*, for printing proceedings of Joint Investigation Committee, $1,377.

R. E. SELMES, salary Deputy Clerk of Supervisors, three months, 1871, $1,250.

JAMES L. CROSBY, services stenographer of Supreme Court last three months of 1871, $833 33.

A letter was read from Sheriff BRENNAN, stating that six weeks ago he presented his bills against the County, which were duly audited by the Board of Supervisors," requesting that they be attended to without delay. It was placed on file.

A petition from JOHN BURKE, janitor of the Fourth District Police Court, was also filed.

A communication was read from the stenographers of the Supreme and Superior Courts and the Court of Common Pleas, referring to the assertion made by the County Auditor that no appropriation has been made by the Board for the payment of their salaries for the current four months. Section 256 of the Code of Procedure, which provides that a salary of $2,500 shall be paid each per annum, is quoted, and further reference made as to the fund out of which such salaries are to be paid. In case the fund be inadequate, the deficiency is to be supplied by an appropriation from the fund of County contingencies. The communication was placed on file.

The Board then adjourned to Saturday next, at 3 o'clock.

### The Whisky Frauds.

R. W. CHAMBERS presented himself before Commissioner SHIELDS yesterday, on a charge of being connected with the frauds of the whisky Ring, and gave bail in the sum of $5,000 to appear for trial. It is believed that the District-Attorney will succeed in his effort to bring the first of the parties held in these indictments to trial during the ensuing month.

### Another Westfield Verdict Obtained in the Brooklyn Courts.

The jury in the case of ROSA KELLY against the Staten Island Railroad for damages for the killing of her husband in the *Westfield* explosion, brought in a verdict, yesterday morning, for the plaintiff for $5,000—the full amount claimed. The jury were out from 8¾ P. M. Friday night until 10½ yesterday morning.

## LAW REPORTS.

### UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

*Before Judge Woodruff and a Jury.*

*James Dart et al. vs. Andrew McKinbay.*—This was a suit, commenced originally in the State Courts and subsequently removed to this Court, to recover $30,000, alleged to have been obtained of the plaintiffs by fraudulent representations, as to the value of certain lands in Virginia, when the plaintiffs were thereby induced to advance money to purchase. The defendant denies that any fraudulent representations were made, and alleges that both the plaintiffs and defendant were deceived by the representations of a third party, of whom they bought the land. The case commenced on Tuesday, and was given to the jury on Friday, when, after several hours' consultation, they failed to agree and were discharged.

H. M. Ruggles, for plaintiffs; Dietrich Attorney Davis and T. B. Eldridge, for defendant.

### DECISIONS.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—APRIL 6.

*By Judge Freedman.*

The Merchants' National Bank of Memphis vs. Abraham H. Cardozo and another; case settled.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—APRIL 6.

*By Judge Loew.*

Guttentag vs. Blot; motion to vacate order of arrest denied, without costs.

## FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

### Sales at the Stock Exchange April 6.

BOARDS FROM 10 TO 10½ A. M.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $1,000 U. S. 5-20 O. '67 | 112¾ | $4,000 | do. | c. | 108¾ |
| 10,000 do. | 113 | 10,000 | U. S. 5-20 M., '65 | | 108¾ |
| 500 U. S. 10-40 C. | 107¾ | 500 | U. S. 10-40 C. | | 106¾ |

SALES FROM 10½ TO 10¾ A. M.

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| 400 West. Union | c. 74¾ | 200 | Han. & St. Jos. | | 42¾ |
| 400 do. | 74¾ | 200 | do. | | 42¾ |
| 400 do. | b10. 75 | 600 | North-western | | 84 |
| 100 do. | 74¾ | 1000 | do. | | 83½ |
| 300 do. | 75 | 200 | do. | | 83½ |
| 100 do. | 75 | 200 | do. | | 83½ |
| 300 do. | 75 | 200 | do. | c. | 83½ |
| 400 N. Y. C. & H. | c. 93½ | 100 | do. | | 83½ |
| 1000 do. | c. 93½ | 200 | do. | | 83½ |
| 500 Pacific Mail | c. 43¾ | 200 | do. | | 83½ |
| 2000 do. | 43¾ | 200 | do. | c. | 83½ |
| 100 do. | 43¾ | 1700 | do. | | 83½ |
| 400 do. | 43¾ | 200 | do. | | 83½ |
| 400 Erie R. | c. 62½ | 200 | do. | | 83½ |
| 200 do. | 62½ | 200 | do. | | 83½ |
| 200 do. | c. 62½ | 200 | do. | | 83½ |
| 600 Lake Shore | 93½ | 500 | C., C. & I. C. | | 93½ |
| 200 do. | c. 93½ | 200 | do. | | 93½ |
| 2000 do. | 93½ | 2100 | Rock. I. & P. | | 104½ |
| 500 Union Pacific | 40 | 300 | do. | | 104½ |
| 200 do. | 40 | 200 | do. | | 104½ |
| 100 do. | 40 | 200 | do. | | 104½ |
| 2.0 do. | 39¾ | 200 | do. | | 104½ |
| 200 do. | c. 39¾ | 1080 | do. | | 104½ |
| 200 do. | b2. 39¾ | 600 | do. | | 104½ |
| 200 do. | 39¾ | 200 | do. | | 104½ |
| 200 do. | 39¾ | 200 | St. Paul | | 70¾ |
| 400 Rock Island | 115¾ | 600 | Tol. & Wab. | | 70¾ |

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

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| $1,000 Un. Pac. Inc. | 86¾ | 200 | Chic. & N. W. | | 83¼ |
| 100 Quick. 2d m. Co. | 85 | 200 | do. | bet. call. | 82 |
| 100 Quick. Pref. | 81½ | 1000 | do. | | 83¼ |
| 100 do. | 83 | 200 | do. | | 83¼ |
| 200 Cons. C. of Md. | 44¾ | 500 | do. | | 83¾ |
| 100 Pacific Mail | 44¾ | 500 | do. | | 83¾ |
| 100 do. | bet. call. | 200 | do. | | 83¾ |
| 300 do. | 44¾ | 100 | N. J. Cen. | | 116¾ |
| 700 do. | 44 | 100 | Chi. & R. I. | | 116¾ |
| 200 do. | 44¾ | 300 | do. | bet. call. | 116¾ |
| 1000 do. | 44¾ | 100 | do. | | 116 |
| 100 Md. Coal. | bet. call. | 22¾ | 200 | Bos., H. & Erie | 9¾ |
| 800 West. Un. T. | b. | 74¾ | 600 | do. | bet. call. 10 |
| 200 do. | 74¾ | 1600 | do. | | 10¾ |
| 200 do. | 74¾ | 100 | Han. & St. J. | | 41¾ |
| 100 Atlantic Mail | b. | 79¾ | 300 | do. | 42 |
| 100 Wells-Farg. Ex. | 79¾ | 300 | do. | | 41¾ |
| 100 U. S. Ex. | 72 | 200 | Han. & St. J. | Pf. b. c. | 62 |
| 200 N. Y. C. & Hud. | 99¾ | 200 | Col., C. & I. C. | | 93¾ |
| 100 do. | bet. call. c. | 99¾ | 100 | do. | 93¾ |
| 200 do. | 99¾ | 1700 | do. | | 93¾ |
| 700 do. | 99¾ | 1200 | do. | bet. call. | 93¾ |
| 400 do. | 99¾ | 200 | do. | | 93¾ |
| 200 do. | 99¾ | 500 | Un. Pac. | bet. call. | 36¾ |
| 200 do. | 99¾ | 400 | do. | | 36¾ |
| 200 do. | 99¾ | 500 | do. | | 36¾ |
| 200 do. | 99¾ | 200 | do. | | 36¾ |
| 200 Erie | bet. call. | 69¾ | 200 | Chi. & N. W. | b. c. 83¾ |
| 50 Mich. Cen. | 116 | 1700 | do. | | 83¾ |
| 400 Cleve. & Pitts. | 92 | 200 | do. | | 83¾ |
| 600 Tol., Wab. & W. | 70 | 700 | do. | | 83¾ |
| 100 do. | 70¾ | 500 | Chi. & R. I. | | 116¾ |

SATURDAY, April 6—P. M.

The Bank return of the week is weaker than the previous report. The Banks lose $1,620,000 on the Gold average, while the Treasury takes in $8,300,165 for Gold Customs. The Banks also lose $2,954,500 in Greenbacks, while it is known that over $4,000,000 have been locked up by special arrangement with the Tenth National Bank by certain bearish operators on the Stock Exchange who own this Bank. As the decrease in the general line of deposits (owing to an addition of $1,716,000 to Loans and Discounts) is only $1,998,500, twenty-five per cent. on which, in Gold and Greenbacks, would be less than half a million of dollars, it follows that the loss of $4,575,100 in Gold and Greenbacks leaves the movement weaker by $4,076,725 than on last Monday. The announcement of the return on the Stock Exchange in the Afternoon depressed the market, besides aggravating the rates of Interest on the Street for carrying over Stocks until Monday. The commissions paid at the very close of Bank hours were the most extravagant of the week. The lock-up of Greenbacks in the Tenth National Bank was made absolute by the party controlling the Money, and although the whole disgraceful operation is likely to result in the disgrace of the Bank by the other City Banks, and its expulsion from all credit and association in the Clearing-house, the temporary mischief to the Money market is not the less keenly felt on the Street.

The Stock Exchange opened with higher prices than Friday for the New-York and Western Roads, and there was an animated business through the forenoon, at the advancing tendency, but this feeling relapsed after the Bank return and the prevailing commissions exacted by Money lenders for carrying over Stocks until Monday. The changes in the Public Funds and in Southern Bonds and Railway Mortgages were not important, as compared with Friday. The closing of the market at 4 o'clock, the Saturday hour for shutting up the Hall of the Exchange, was as follows:

CLOSING PRICES—APRIL 6.

| | Friday. | Saturday. |
|---|---|---|
| United States New 5s | 110½ | 110¾ |
| U. S. 5-20s, '65, May and Nov | 113 | 113 |
| U. S. 5-20s '67, Jan. and July | 113 | 113 |
| American Gold | 110½ | 110¾ |
| Bills on London, 60 days | 109¾ | 109¾ |
| N. Y. Central and Hudson | 99¾ | 99¾ |
| N. Y. Cen. and Hud. Debt Ctfs. | 92¾ | 91¾ |
| Reading | 116½ | 116¾ |
| Chicago and Rock Island | 116¼ | 115 |
| North-west Common | 83¾ | 83¾ |
| North-west Preferred | 95¾ | 96 |
| Pacific Mail | 45¾ | 45¾ |
| St. Paul Preferred | 81¾ | 80¾ |
| St. Paul Common | 63¾ | 61¾ |
| Ohio and Mississippi | 49¾ | 47¾ |
| Toledo and Wabash | 70¾ | 70¾ |
| Western Telegraph | 74¾ | 73¾ |
| Erie | 69 | 69¾ |
| Union Pacific | 39¾ | 38 |
| Lake Shore | 96¾ | 95¾ |

At the very close of the Hall of the Exchange was feverish.

Gold firm at 110¾ ₱ cent.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, April 5, 1872.

| | |
|---|---|
| Gold receipts | $344,164 62 |
| Gold payments | 660,264 87 |
| Gold balance | 68,450,245 93 |
| Currency receipts | 456,294 19 |
| Currency payments | 253,677 26 |
| Currency balance | 4,624,302 99 |
| Customs | 424,000 00 |

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS—APRIL 6.

*Telegraphed to Messrs. R. D. Randolph & Co.*

| | Bid. | Asked. |
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# The New York Times.

## TRIPLE SHEET.

NEW-YORK, SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1872.

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DAILY, WEEKLY AND SEMI-WEEKLY.

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The SEMI-WEEKLY, ten copies one year, (an extra copy to getter-up of club) ..... 25
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*As a further example of the thoroughness with which this is being done, we refer to our returns from the Connecticut election, which were earlier, more complete, and more accurate than those of any other New-York paper.*


The Nineteenth Ward Railroad Reform Association has added a decided protest to those already made against the scheme reported from the Assembly Railroad Committee, for depriving the City of the use of Fourth-avenue, and compelling it to pay two million and a half of dollars into the bargain. The points of objection insisted on by the Nineteenth Ward Association are well taken, but their specific recommendations are open to the charge of not being thorough enough. If the Vanderbilt Companies are to be brought to reason at all, it must be by a steadfast adherence on the part of the tax-payers to the demands embodied in Mr. WHITEHOUSE's bill. Less than the sinking and arching over of the entire track below Ninety-eighth-street will not meet the present and future wants of the City, and nothing short of this ought to be accepted or partly paid for out of public money.

Hon. WILLIAM MCDOUGALL has been reading the Canadians a seasonable lesson on the subject of learning to stand alone. This is a lesson which the people across the border appear to be very slow to understand. If they are not sufficiently impressed by it, ere long, it will certainly not be the fault either of the British Cabinet or of its accredited representatives and spokesmen in Canada.

### The Immediate Duty of Reformers.

We feel assured that we speak the sentiments of the vast majority of New-York reformers when we say, that rather than have the new City Charter become law in the form in which it passed the Senate, it would be infinitely preferable to get along for another year under the charter now existing. We can imagine no greater calamity for the City than to have our local Government reorganized under a plan originally favored by all reformers, but whose salutary clauses have been so ingeniously neutralized that no section of the community is prepared to take any of the responsibility of carrying it out. The Seventy's charter and the cause of reform are indissolubly associated in the public mind. It would be a matter of some difficulty to convince a large proportion of our voting population, that neither the Seventy nor the cause of reform could be at all identified with the self-contradictory and highly mischievous bill which now awaits the concurrence of the Assembly. The inevitable practical failure of such a measure would greatly lessen the prestige of reform in this City, and would give that numerous class of both political parties who live by the spoils of local offices, a chance of sweeping away all that we gained by the popular uprising of last November. The Republican majority in the Assembly owe it to themselves, to their party, and to the citizens of New-York, to take immediate action upon the charter as amended in the Senate. We feel assured that they will not go back upon the deliberate verdict which they have already passed upon the charter. All reformers agree that the leading Senate amendments are entirely inadmissible. The people of New-York look to the Assembly to sustain this decision. If the charter cannot pass the Legislature without these amendments, then the Senate must take the responsibility and the blame.

In the event of the charter being defeated, New-York must have, before the adjournment of the Legislature, a sweeping removal bill and provision for an election for Mayor before the end of April. It would be an insult to the City to ask it to tolerate for another year the Police Board as at present constituted. The Fire Board wants weeding out, so does the Board of Tax Commissioners, the Emigration Commission and the Board of Health, not to mention the Commissioners of Charities, and the rather more ornamental than useful Dock Commission. The power that constituted these Boards as they now are, and that has left us sundry other similar legacies, stands condemned by an overwhelming popular vote. Let the Legislature make a clean sweep of their membership, and leave it to a Mayor, elected by the people, to make such appointments as will satisfy the universal demand for reform. In the highly improbable event of any corrupt combination defeating the Reform candidate for Mayor, we should, as far as the Tammany departments are concerned, be no worse off than before. Should the (charter be defeated, therefore, the reconstruction of most of the City Departments will absolutely depend upon the people's selection for Mayor. It would thus become even more important that they should make a wise choice, than had the Board of Aldermen been admitted, under the charter, to a share in the appointments. It is also obvious enough that the future chances of getting a charter passed in the interests of reform, would be greatly weakened by any failure at the coming election to cast a very full vote on the side of municipal purity. Every consideration that can apply to the case, impels the Reform Association to bestir themselves, lest the look of organization should give their enemies an undue advantage. We cannot consider it as within the bounds of probability that a Reform Legislature should adjourn, leaving the affairs of the City in the muddle in which they now are. If the charter, as it came from the Assembly, should pass, there will be a great trial of strength between the opposing forces of our local politics; and, if the charter should fail to pass, the struggle must come, notwithstanding. The obvious and urgent duty of all reformers is to make good use of the short interval that remains for preparation.

### Nepotism—"The Other Side."

There is great ado over the question of nepotism by the present Administration, and the revilers of the President make that the most prominent in their charges against him. This would, perhaps, be all very well if they were honest in their position; but if it can be shown that they are not honest, then the charge must be regarded as a mere pretext, covering some other fancied ground of complaint so trivial in itself as to be unworthy of mention, or what is more probable, covering a personal grievance, the publication of which would make the complainant ridiculous.

For example, let us take once more the case of the distinguished Senator from Illinois, Mr. TRUMBULL, who has so much to say about the condition of the civil service, and the abuse of the appointing power, and affects to deprecate the interference of Congressmen in the matter of appointments. Mr. TRUMBULL was elected to the Senate for the first time in 1855, and in 1861 was a candidate for re-election. The result of the election of Representatives to the State Legislature in Illinois was considered very doubtful. Great uneasiness was felt as to the result, and a liberal amount of money was sent out from the East to be used in carrying the Legislature, not only that Mr. TRUMBULL might be re-elected, but that the loyal party might have control of that body in the event of a war with the South.

The agent having charge of the money went in person to Springfield, and, in looking the ground over, decided that Sangamon County was the most promising field in which to operate. The result of those operations was to carry that county by a very small majority, giving the Republicans one majority in the Senate, and a somewhat larger majority in the House.

The Senator elected in the Sangamon District was Dr. WM. JAYNE, of Springfield, a brother-in-law of Senator TRUMBULL. Mr. TRUMBULL was re-elected at the succeeding session, and soon after Mr. LINCOLN was inaugurated, and the war began. Mr. TRUMBULL, shortly after the inauguration, called upon Mr. LINCOLN, and asked the appointment of his brother-in-law, Senator JAYNE, to an office in one of the Territories. The President remonstrated, representing the condition in which the resignation of Dr. JAYNE would leave the Legislature, the strong probability of the election of a Democrat to fill the vacancy, and the great embarrassment to the Administration in its war measures if the Republicans should have control of that body. But Mr. TRUMBULL was deaf to all such considerations, and Dr. JAYNE was appointed Governor of Dakota Territory, a position in which he could be at a safe distance from all military operations, and at the same time enjoy a desirable official position. The immediate result was, as Mr. LINCOLN had feared, the election of a Democratic Senator to fill the vacancy, a Democratic majority in the Senate, and great embarrassment to the Administration in its military measures.

Time passed on and it became not only entirely safe, but somewhat desirable for Gov. JAYNE to return to the States. The war was at an end. Circumstances had combined to increase the importance and profit of many offices, and among others the Pension agencies had become very desirable. In the Pension office at Springfield was Gen. ISAAC J. BLOOMFIELD, a gentleman with a most excellent military record, vouched for by his Corps Commander, Gen. LOGAN, and his Division Commander, Gen. WALCUTT, and by many of his old comrades in arms. Personally he was of unexceptionable character, and there was a fitness in the payment of pensions by a gallant soldier which everyone recognised. The duties of the office were well performed, and there was no popular demand or desire for a change. But Gov. JAYNE had fixed his heart on the place, and Mr. TRUMBULL demanded it under the rule of the civil service giving the disposition of offices to members of Congress—that rule which Mr. TRUMBULL affects to abhor, and seeks to make a crime. The President recognised the rule. Gen. BLOOMFIELD was removed, Gov. JAYNE was appointed and still fills the office, a standing proof of Mr. TRUMBULL's bad faith in affecting a desire to remove Congressional influence in the matter of appointments.

We might stop here, and our illustration would be complete, but a further statement in regard to another appointment, made about the same time, may still further illustrate the feelings of the distinguished Senator in regard to the civil service.

The Major of Gen. GRANT's regiment of volunteers—WARREN E. MCMACKIN, of Salem, Ill.—was a most excellent man and a good soldier. He had been a prisoner during the war, and as such was placed by the rebels under the fire of our guns in Charleston. The hardships to which he was subjected impaired his health to such an extent as to unfit him for the active duties of life. Gen. GRANT knew his good qualities and his sufferings, and desirous of rewarding him to some extent, nominated him to the Senate as Postmaster at Salem, an office worth something over one thousand dollars a year. The name was sent to the Senate at the same time with that of Gov. JAYNE. The latter was promptly confirmed, but Major MCMACKIN was rejected on the statement of Senator TRUMBULL, and solely because the incumbent in the Salem office was the political friend and helper of the Senator. We can imagine that the President was considerably vexed at the rejection of his friend, under the circumstances. He awaited the adjournment of the Senate, and then appointed the Major's daughter, Miss EMMA J. MCMACKIN, as Postmistress, a place she still occupies.

These incidents go to illustrate the disregard of Mr. TRUMBULL for military services as against his own selfish ends, and his utter indifference to civil service reform, or to any other consideration save only the advancement of the interests of his relatives and political adherents.

### Canoeing.

The TIMES may fairly claim the credit of having attracted the attention of American young men to that admirable athletic sport, canoeing. This Spring has witnessed the organization of a Canoe Club in this City, and during the coming Summer its flag will be displayed in regattas and cruises, and its tiny yachts will be a frequent feature of our bays and rivers.

The canoe invented by Mr. MACGREGOR, of the *Rob Roy*, and greatly improved by subsequent enthusiasts, is a canoe only in name. The model adopted by the New-York Canoe Club has a square sternpost, a sail, and two masts. It is an answer to the problem how to construct a boat perfectly adapted to the purpose of cruising in inland waters, and a more thorough and perfect answer could not be desired.

The man who wishes to explore rivers, large or small, and to pass, by means of sheltered creeks and short portages, from the head-waters of one stream to those of another, needs a boat in which he can sail when the wind is favorable, in which he can sleep at night, and which is sufficiently light to be carried or dragged overland by himself, unassisted. The ordinary row-boat will not answer, since it gives him no shelter at night; is not adapted to carrying any appreciable amount of sail, and is too heavy to be taken out of the water and carried over even the shortest portage. The smallest sail-boat draws too much water for shallow streams; is wholly dependent upon the wind, and needs a yoke of oxen to drag it ashore. The canoe, on the contrary, carries a large surface of sail, and can be paddled when the wind is foul with more ease than a Whitehall boat can be rowed. It carries its owner comfortably, with his baggage and stores, and affords him a dry and comfortable bed at night. It draws only two or three inches of water, and weighs but fifty-four pounds. It therefore meets every requirement for cruising, since it is an easy task to carry fifty-four pounds over a short portage, and it can be sailed or paddled in the day-time and slept in when the day's work is over. It should be added that its water-tight compartments render it impossible for it to sink, while the excellence of its model makes it a very fast sailer.

A more pleasant way in which to spend a Summer vacation could hardly be desired, than for two or three young men to start on a canoe voyage up the Hudson, and through the canal and Lake Champlain, into the salmon and trout streams of Canada. The spare change of clothing; the gun, fishing-tackle and camp-furniture, are stowed safely below deck. The traveler sits facing the bow of his canoe, and enjoys the scenery of his route, while this absolute independence of hotel-keepers and railway companies enables him to loiter wherever he finds scenery to be sketched, fish to be caught, or wild fowl to be shot. For the sportsman, the artist, or the man who enjoys simply the pleasure of a cruise, the canoe is equally well suited. It affords the exercise of ordinary boating, and many of the pleasures of yachting, without the enormous expense which places the latter amusement out of the reach of all but men of wealth. That it is destined to great popularity in this country is evident, and it is strange that its advantages have not been earlier perceived by our athletic young men.

The canoeist should, however, remember that his craft is designed primarily for cruising purposes. Sailing or paddling regattas are feasible, and may be made very pleasant affairs, but the canoe is not intended to rival either the shell, oar or the fast sail-boat. When used for the purpose for which it is intended, the canoe is without a rival, and there is little fear that it will disappoint the ardent expectations of the new convert to this phase of muscular Christianity. The coming together of the Club, which is understood to be fixed for an early day, will attract attention for its novelty, while the beauty of the miniature yachts will certainly be conceded. If, however, the canoes do not precisely surpass the brilliant feats of the *Sappho* and the *Dauntless*, it should not be forgotten that they are designed for the lonely waters of unfrequented forests rather than for boating to windward over the course of the New-York Yacht Club. At all events, the Canoe Club deserves a hearty welcome from all lovers of open-air sports, and we trust that by the boldness, energy and fair-dealing of its members it will win a share of the popular favor now worthily given to our yacht clubs.

### Mr. Disraeli's Chances of Office.

It must be admitted that there is a marvelous vitality about British Premiers. Lord PALMERSTON died in office at eighty. Lord RUSSELL did not give up the reins until he was seventy-five. Lord DERBY, with a princely fortune and all that could make private life agreeable, clung to power until, when nearly seventy, gout positively prevented him addressing the House of Lords. And now, here is Mr. DISRAELI starring it in the Provinces, and as fresh for the Parliamentary fray, which commences with redoubled vigor after Easter, as when he entered the House of Commons in 1837. If the great orators of today begin their careers later, they certainly make up for it toward the end. PITT died at forty-seven, FOX at fifty-seven, but DISRAELI, at sixty-seven, is in the full vigor of his intellect, and in the possession of physical strength which will enable him to stand and make speeches for three or four hours consecutively.

It was observed when he left office that were his career then to end he certainly could not be considered an unsuccessful man. The son of a literary recluse, of foreign origin, destitute of those advantages of birth and fortune which have hitherto had so much weight in political success in England, he had achieved the summit of his ambition, and become, albeit for only a few months, Prime Minister. But it is quite clear that Mr. DISRAELI, however successful, is not yet satisfied. A tenure for years, not for months, is what that remarkable person desires. Mr. GLADSTONE has now been in office nearly three years and a half, and the Tories are getting very impatient for a return to power. They resigned not in consequence of an adverse vote in the House of Commons, the usual cause of the retirement of a Ministry, but because the Parliament, returned after the elections in 1868, was so overpoweringly Whigish that they declined even to meet it. It was then that, greatly to his surprise, Mr. GLADSTONE, in the retirement of Hawarden Castle, his Welsh retreat, received one morning in December, 1868, a summons from Windsor, and before night found himself First Lord of the Treasury.

There can be no doubt that the House of Commons today is not identical with that which Mr. DISRAELI found awaiting him in 1868. The great points in the Gladstone programme have been decided, and the ground is in some degree clear for the party which, in a certain sense, represents the contented and satisfied portion of the community. Unexpected events, too, have favored the Conservative interest. The Gladstone Government, although it has with splendid success achieved those measures of reform on which it set its heart—in fact, been successful in great things—has failed in many others, and given a good handle for Tory sneers. India has been prosperous, but then Lord MAYO was appointed by the Tories. Canadian troubles have been smoothed over, but Lord LISGAR again was chosen by the late Government. The navy has been singularly unfortunate. The law appointments have given offense on all hands until this session, when Mr. CARDWELL's recent measure calmed in some degree the prevailing discontent. The conduct of the War Department was regarded as little less satisfactory than that of the Admiralty. The Minister of Works is the most unpopular man who has held office for many years. The Home Secretary has made a marvelous reputation for blundering. Lastly, the *Alabama* business, about whose satisfactory "closing up," there was such a prodigious flourish of trumpets, is found after all to be pretty much where it was before the Gladstone-appointed Commission commenced its labors.

To this catalogue may be added, what indeed has no slight bearing upon constituencies, that the Ministry has been so occupied upon great schemes that it has done nothing in those minor matters which affect so much the comfort of a community. People continue to die, by the verdict of Coroners' juries, of poisoned exhalation and poisoned water, while the adulterator pursues unmolested his lucrative and lethal trade. All these circumstances have served to make a large proportion of the country disposed to listen to Mr. DISRAELI with great attention and respect. Nor can it be doubted that the illness of the Prince of WALES has in some degree given strength to the Torty Party, and caused a tendency among the more ignorant and unthinking in many constituencies, to support that side of the House on which Sir CHARLES DILKE does not sit. Taking all these circumstances into conjunction with Mr. DISRAELI's visit to Manchester, and a speech made a few days ago by his Ex-Solicitor-General, it may be presumed that a long and strong pull for power on the part of the Tories is at hand. The preponderating chances now are decidedly on Mr. GLADSTONE's side, but still the others have some sufficient grounds for thinking that success may attend their efforts.

### Rifle Practice.

The National Guard of the State of New-York numbers about twenty thousand men, and though the largest and best-organized State militia in the country, it is still far from what it should be in point of effectiveness. The public—with some reason, too—is accustomed to look upon the militia soldier as nothing more than the ornament of a holiday, a creature of gay uniform, pipe-clay, cartouch-box, and fuss and feathers generally; terrible only in the eyes of boys and young women; and whose chief victories are won on the floors of ball-rooms and in the levees and "receptions" our militia regiments are so fond of giving. We say there is some reason for this feeling; but there is much reason, also, to respect our National Guardsman, and to him is due no small share of public gratitude for services actually rendered in time of war and riot. Any one familiar with the regiments of New-York and Brooklyn—having enrolled in their membership fully ten thousand young men—knows that they contain scores of officers really ambitious of proficiency in the military art, and who work hard, and with laudable spirit and pride, to make their commands deserving of respect by reason of their thorough training and good character for order and sobriety. Moreover, as providing a healthy and otherwise desirable occupation for the leisure hours of so many young men of the City, the National Guard is an institution to invite our applause and encouragement. But these cannot be unreservedly given unless it more generally than at present, devotes itself to practical study and performance. The social opportunities of a regimental organization, with a fine armory and abundant and well-appointed company-rooms, may reasonably be enjoyed, and it is undoubtedly true that it is these that induce many fine fellows to come upon the enlistment roll; but what the State expects, in return for its fostering care, is application to drill and discipline, and thorough study of the duties of the soldier.

The National Rifle Association lately organized in this City, deserves encouragement, because it proposes to accomplish so much for the practical education of our militia. It includes in its official direction and among its incorporators the leading and most earnest officers of the National Guard, and follows a plan well-approved by European experience. It also undertakes to remedy an evil very apparent and very great in State service—that is, the lamentable ignorance of the proper use of their weapons so characteristic of our militia. Fortunately, the Association has the favor and countenance of the Adjutant-General of the State and of the State Military Association, so that it starts under auspices that promise success. But the most important movement that has been made toward assisting it in realising its objects is the introduction of bills, in the Senate by Mr. BERRI, and in the House by Mr. JUDD, (and which have been favorably reported in both Houses,) to provide a range for rifle practice by the First and Second Divisions, and to authorize the Governor to offer prizes for skillful marksmanship.

In England, and more especially in Canada, the policy of providing ranges of sufficient extent for long-range rifle practice, has developed a large and formidable force for national defense. Canada today has 45,000 trained marksmen among her volunteers, England 150,000, while the United States has none.

Yet this training in marksmanship is the most important part of a soldier's duty. It gives a recruit confidence, and supplies the place of discipline. It renders hasty levies behind a temporary shelter superior to vetran troops in the field. Above all it prevents that waste of ammunition which follows the placing of breech-loaders in the hands of inexperienced troops.

The effect of its introduction among the National Guard cannot but be favorable. It will excite a healthy rivalry between the different organizations, and incite public interest in their affairs. It will substitute matters of practical value for mere display, and rapidly convert our militia into an organization that will not only be enthusiastic in time of peace but efficient in time of war.

### Statistics of Massachusetts.

The twenty-ninth annual report of births, deaths and marriages in Massachusetts has just been published. It covers the year 1870, and includes some highly interesting information. Two hundred and fifty years have rolled away since the Pilgrims set their feet on Plymouth rock; and the epoch is a notable one for the examination of the oldest and most densely-settled of Anglo-American communities. The little flock of exiles that landed on that cold December day in 1620 has grown to a great people. In spite of the drain of the war, the population of Massachusetts increased in the ten years between 1860 and 1870 by 236,985 souls; and the total population at the latter date was 1,457,351. The constituents that make up this total are changing yearly in a remarkable manner. Indeed the subject merits close attention as having an important bearing on future history and social progress. The truth is, the ethnological stock of the old Bay State and, probably in a modified degree, that of the whole of New-England, is undergoing serious modifications, such as promise, at no remote day, entirely to change its character.

The annual excess in Massachusetts of births from foreign over native parentage is constantly increasing. While the movement is not regular, it always goes on. For example, the excess in question during 1870 was 2,776, and was greater than in any year since 1855. It was likewise 1,038 more than the average of the previous four years. Put in another shape, American births were fewer in 1870 than in 1869 by 468, and foreign births were more numerous in 1870 than 1869 by 1,110. This means simply that the "stock" is shifting with a rapidity that is always on the increase, although the ratio of increase is spasmodic and intermittent. A mixed people of Germans, Irish and Canadians is taking the place of a people once almost purely English. The prosperity of the country, the enormous demand for labor of the kinds that Americans generally refuse to do, and the portentous outlook in many European countries, account for this; and unless the conditions are reversed, the phenomena we note will go on unchecked. As regards the point of time, we may observe that the figures show, during the past five years, an increase of fifteen per cent. This will double the population by 1900, and the relative proportions of the old and the new composite races will then be represented by about one in ten.

Another point of interest is common to Massachusetts and to England. It consists in the steady diminution of the agricultural towns, and the corresponding increase of the manufacturing ones. This also is a feature likely to be permanent, and to bring consequences worthy of anticipatory reflection and provision. The tables before us contain not a few of those surprises and apparent paradoxes with which those who study statistics are, however, familiar. For instance, consumption is supposed, especially in New-England, to kill more people in Winter than in Summer. But there were fewer deaths from this cause in Massachusetts during 1870 in Winter than in either of the three other quarters of the year. Again, the neighborhood of the seaboard, whence comes the dreaded east wind, is thought most baneful to average health; and in Suffolk County, which contains Boston and immediately adjoins the Bay, the death-rate in 1870 was higher than in any other county. But in Barnstable, which is actually in the sea, or almost entirely surrounded by it, the death-rate at the same time was the lowest. Males, again, are credited with living longer in the trying New-England climate than females. But of the fifteen persons who died in Massachusetts during 1870 at ages greater than one hundred, ten were women and five were men. It is interesting to know that all of the fifteen had been married, and that seven were natives of Ireland. Marriage, in fact, seems highly popular in the land of the Pilgrims, since there are accounts of twenty-nine men who married in 1870 for the fourth time, and one who married for the fifth. There is also recorded the case of a man of fifty-nine who took for his third wife a woman who had already had three husbands. We further observe several marriages of men over eighty—in all cases to young women—and, a fact of interest in connection with the accepted theory of slow sexual development in Massachusetts, thirty-three girls were married there at fifteen during 1870, and six at fourteen.

It is satisfactory to learn that the average health of Massachusetts is improving. We draw this inference from a comparison of relative births and deaths in 1870, with those of former years, and from the specific statements of remarkable decrease in the percentage of infantile mortality. It must, notwithstanding, be confessed, we fear, that this change for the better is attributable to the ethnological movement we have already discussed. The figures supply data of special importance to the controversy about the alleged deterioration of the white race on this Continent, and those who are interested in the argument will do well to keep an eye on this and other New-England State documents.

### SIAM.

**Lecture by Mrs. L. Owens—The Kingdom of the Brown Race—The Siamese and Their Ruler.**

Mrs. LEON OWENS lectured, last evening, at the Cooper Union, on "Siam: Its Courts and Customs." During her residence in Singapore, the King of Siam applied to Col. KAVANAGH, Governor of the post, for an English lady to act as governess for the young Princess. The King was a most enlightened and liberal man, and his greatest wish was to pass for an accomplished English scholar. He had a printing press in his palace and a font of English type. In April, 1862, Mrs. OWENS opened school in the City of Bangkok, into which no foreigner had ever before penetrated. She knew nothing of the kingdom or its people, and one gentleman whom she asked for some information on the subject said that all the knowledge he possessed was summed up in a few words—"the Siamese twins." The lecturer stated that she took note of daily occurrences which came within her knowledge. The native name of the kingdom means the "Kingdom of the Free." The people are called the "brown race," and belong to the same family as many of the Western nations of Europe. The Siamese allege they came originally from Bactria, about three or four thousand years before Christ, and trace their genealogy to Buddha.

Bangkok, the chief city—the Venice of the East—has water roads, which take the place of streets, and wind in an intricate net-work through the city, and are spanned by innumerable bridges. The floating houses, the gondolas and boats, the grand palaces and gardens, and the numerous lights make a scene of extreme beauty and novelty. The city is surrounded by a battlemented wall 15 feet high by 12 feet broad. The "Harem" is inclosed by two walls; the outer circling the grand palace, the barracks, the mint, the courts and the prisons. A third wall inclosed the city and the barracks of the Amazons. This corps, 400 strong, is composed of five companies, commanded by a Major-General, called the "Great Mother of War." The Amazons were selected for their large size, and are dressed in loose pants trimmed with gold braid, a rich tunic and cap; their arms consist of a shield, bows and arrows and long rifles. They guard all the approaches to the palace, and are accounted very brave in war. All the mechanical trades are presided over by women. Mrs. OWENS gave some anecdotes illustrating the habits and customs of the people, and described polygamy, and slavery as the curse of Siam. Though the husband and father has the unlimited power of life and death over his slaves, murder was rare; but two cases came to her knowledge in six years. She alluded to the malignant superstition of the natives, and the barbarous practice of immolating human victims on the dedication of public structures. The establishment of the King and his guard of Japanese soldiers, clothed in steel armor of a most hideous design, the various ceremonies observed on the death of the sovereign, from the time of embalming until the remains are consigned to the river, were briefly sketched. The present King was nine years old when Mrs. OWENS took charge of him, and proved to be a bright, acute and intelligent boy. On his accession to the throne, in 1868, he liberated all State prisoners and gave generous donations to the poor and decrepit. He is accessible to all his subjects, and sits at the gate of his palace on stated days to receive petitions. In January of the present year, by his proclamation, he emancipated 14,000 slaves. Mrs. OWENS recounted various incidents of her time with the young King, which showed his position to be no sinecure, and concluded her lecture by relating a pathetic story of a female slave whose release she procured from the King.

### INCIDENTS OF GERMAN STUDENT LIFE.

Kleinessel was not a lively town. Celebrated for its beer, learning and sausages, and for being the second place in the Principality, when I first became acquainted with it, it was more prosperous than it is now. BISMARCK's absorption of it has shorn it of a great deal of its notoriety. Some eighteen years ago it could not have been even called flourishing, and today, I am very much afraid, from what I hear, to follow out the simile, it must be running to seed. Once it was a free city, and old annals told of the bravery of its men and the heroism of its women, and how it had held out in a memorable siege until hunger and disease had reduced its thousands to tens. When I lived there, on looking at its fat burghers as they drank their beer and munched their brown bread—the only period when they evinced any degree of vivacity—I often wondered whether the old spirit had not entirely died out of them. Yet when they had their brush with Prussia, they behaved manfully, and in their contest with France they covered themselves with glory.

My reminiscences of Kleinessel, though pleasant ones, have left no very decided impressions on my mind. From time to time I note in an occasional paragraph of a foreign paper some little fact about the town, and am thereby assured that it has not quite withered up and been blown away. Its lectures, I believe, still draw occasional students, but I have no doubt but that today its beer is quite as well brewed, and its sausages quite as savory as in past times. I met a graduate from its University there a day or so ago. His eulogium over his former professors was short, but the praises of its beer were interminable. "Such beer! so golden! so full of fire! Like amber—like sunshine—smooth as silk! And the Maroh beer! and those huge horn cups we used to drain—a champaign bottle-full at a time! So deliciously cool—so deliriously good!"

I asked about a certain professor. "That triangularly-headed little man who taught crystalography? He whose intellect seemed bounded by a cube or a shomboid! who found fault with this blessed earth because it was globular, and would show no decided liking to be bounded by certain plane geometrical surfaces! who contended that earthquakes were the struggling attempts of nature to assert its rights to becoming a dodecanedron? He has slipped out of my mind long ago, and my thoughts have no connection with him save by sausages. If you recollect, he lodged above the sausage-shop; what excellent sausages were sold there, and the beer-house opposite! By the way, there is a Kleinessel man at Milwaukee, and such beer as that fellow makes. That man's beer made me settle in that Western town. Though BISMARCK did gobble up my country, I owe him the slightest possible grudge today. In fact, we are quite reconciled. It was your humble servant, who, forgetting old scores—you might have seen my name in the newspapers—who conceived the happy idea of sending a barrel of that beer to the Kaiser, and to the officers of the corps of Kleinessel. To think of it. That American beer flowed at Versailles, and our Prince (you might have seen him at Kleinessel) drank of it, and, I have it from one who overheard him, that he said "No one but one born in Kleinessel could have produced such beer."

"Which Prince was it?" I inquired. "When I was a student there happened to be fifty-two of them."

"Why Prince Otto, the second son of the Grand Duke. He looked like a divinity student and wore spectacles. He has turned out a famous warrior. But good-by; we will take together one more glass of beer to the memory of our happy students' day, and we must part."

The beer, the sausages, and Prince OTTO recalled to my mind an acquaintance, not as much with him as with his respectable sire. To have known a real Prince, a reigning Grand Duke, especially when such potentates are now classed among the fossils of the past, may be worth a passing record. Overlooking the town stood a castle on a hill. This was Kleinessel's place of recreation. I had been matriculated but a week, lectures would not commence before a fortnight, and time hung heavy on my hands. From my bedroom window on a bright Summer morning the old Schloss occupied a prominent position. I determined to visit it that morning, and would breakfast there. Save a servant girl, who was sweeping the hall, not an inmate of the house was stirring.

"Which way to the Schloss?" I asked of the servant. Her reply was unintelligible. My newly-acquired German was inadequate to fathom the depths of her peculiar patois. That she understood my question was evident, for with her broom-handle she pointed down the street, but I noticed she shook her head and said, "No, no," several times as if to dissuade me from going. Off, however, I started. It was a good long walk of fully two hours before I reached the pretty high elevation on which the old ruin stood, and there was yet two miles to go. I hastened my steps in anticipation of my breakfast. As I strode along, I would meet carriages, of no remarkable appearance, pursuing the same route as myself. The day was warm, and it was delicious to plunge into the dense woods, which clothed the hillsides. Every now and then a brawling stream would cross the road. The clear sparkling flow of one particular rivulet tempted my thirst. Taking my cup from my pocket I indulged in a long draught. Just then a little open carriage, containing a lady of fully fifty and three children, drove past.

"I am so thirsty," cried out a pretty childish voice from the carriage, "Madame, may I not drink?"

"Willingly, my little friend; that is, provided I had anything to give you water in. Coachman, have you a cup?"

"None, gracious lady, nothing but my bucket," replied the coachman.

"But I will—I shall—I must have some water," exclaimed the child.

"Will you allow me to offer this little woman my cup full?" I asked, replenishing the cup. "Willingly, with thanks," replied the lady, after a moment's hesitation. My cup was one of those rubber ones, of telescopic pattern, one joint fitting in another, which required some little care to manage. Proffering it to the little girl, she carried it eagerly, and before I could say a word of caution, the bottom came out and the contents was in her lap. Enjoying the accident hugely, half-laughing, half crying, she was clamorous for more, for not a drop had moistened her pretty lips.

"Exceedingly provoking," said the lady; "her nice dress ruined. Mademoiselle, both of us will be reprimanded for this." By this time I had refilled the cup, and putting aside the little hands, I held it to her laughing mouth, and the child drank a long draught. Then all the other children shouted and clapped their hands, and I was general water-carrier for the party.

"Many thanks," said the lady, recovering her good humor, "we are sorry to have given you so much trouble."

"What a dear old fanny cup," cried the little girl.

"Would you like to have it?" I asked.

"Above anything in this world! I should play such merry tricks with it; make people have a drink out of it, and before they knew it, down would come the water in torrents all over them, and spoil their fine clothes; it's such fun to spoil fine clothes."

"Mademoiselle!" cried the lady in an admonishing tone.

"You shall have it," I said, tossing the cup into the little girl's lap.

"Impossible!" cried the lady, this time quite sententiously.

"But, I will; I will!" whimpered the child, crying now bitterly. "It is such a dear, pretty, funny cup, so much nicer than those horrid silver ones."

"Madame," said the coachman, "mar I presume to remark that we are late and must detain no longer," and, whipping his horses, in a moment the party was out of sight in a turn of the winding road.

Ten minutes further on, prompted by the in-

recent rise of about nine, I lost my way, and could not find the road again. Presently I stumbled over a low wall, and climbing it found myself on a pleasant lawn, with the castle but ten minutes' walk from me. "At last my breakfast, and nobly do I deserve it," I cried. "I trust the larder is well stocked. It shall be an omelet, next a cutlet, and some red wine, and"—here my gastronomic soliloquy was interrupted by the sound of music; a full band was performing somewhere in the immediate proximity. I entered the *enceinte* of the ruins. It was filled with people. Waiters were running hither and thither, bearing dishes whose savory odors brought the water to my very mouth. Snow-white cloths were laid on tables, gay tents were pitched in various corners. Little fires blazed in all directions, and pots and urns sent up the combined aroma of tea, coffee and chocolate.

"What nice people," I remarked, "and what a particularly excellent innkeeper must rule this establishment." Just then a waiter hurried past. In one hand he bore a roasted chicken, done to a delicious tender brown, in the other was a fruit dish filled with grapes. "Waiter," I remarked with a placid smile, "an omelet, a cutlet, and a half bottle of—yes—Rudesheimer." That waiter gazed at me with stolid indifference. Evidently, he did not understand my German, I turned to address him in French, when with a withering look he disappeared.

"Rather crowded," I thought: "but we will be patient." There was no camp-stool vacant, so I complacently stretched myself at length on the green sward. Not far from me, gently simmering on a stand, reposed a tea-pot, from whence came a steady stream of inexpressible fragrance. Presently a handsome woman approached it, uncovered the tea-pot, and in a moment a gentleman had joined her.

"Why can't one always cook what they eat themselves? It's so delightful to make one's own breakfast. What delicious tea," said the lady.

"Real caravan; Russia sent it," replied the gentleman. Then a servant approached, and he was instructed to carry that tea-pot to a particular party.

"Waiter," I said pretty loudly, "here have I been waiting for fully ten minutes. Those people cannot be in such a terrible hurry for their tea. It is an omelet, a cutlet, I want." With a gorgon-like stare that waiter greeted me. "It not an omelet, a chicken—say bread, cheese, most anything will suffice." Pivotting on his heel, that serving-man served the tea-pot and left me; there was even a perceptible grin on his face—worse than that a shrug of his shoulders. Was it then the guest at some new feast of the Barmecides? Perhaps my excuse was that just then a cold game pie was passed almost under my very nose; from it came that subtile, faint odor of truffles, which is so indescribable. I ask forgiveness for my hunger under such a peculiarly tantalizing provocation. Very probably one's brutal instincts will come to the surface at times. I know I abused that passing waiter in many polyglot ways. He received my invectives meekly, but that game pie he held fast, and it was whisked out of my grasp. Almost alongside of me, two other henchmen spread a cloth, and as if by enchantment it was covered with a banquet. A company of ladies and gentlemen approached it and sat down to the feast. I followed every morsel, I criticised each mouthful. Hungry as I was, I could have picked every bone of those wasted partridges, and a quarrel, too, with every man there present. I was starving amid plenty. Perhaps when they were done, may be they would allow me a scrap; my hunger made even that compromise with my self-respect.

How long this scene might have lasted, I do not know. I had been taught as a boy, that it was vulgar to stare at people eating, but why it is so—as to the philosophy of it, I have since that time never been able to solve. Evidently my basilic eyes did make some impression on the happy eaters, for presently a gentleman arose from his seat, napkin in hand, and approaching me said: "Pray excuse me, Sir. This is evidently some mistake on your part. I have no doubt there is some error." Here he coughed—the lucky fellow was talking with his mouth full—"some inadvertancy which can be readily explained. This is a *déjeuné champêtre* given by His Serene Highness, the Grand Duke." Here the gentleman wiped his mouth with his napkin. That is his Highness over there now in the act of eating an omelet. You will excuse my being so precise."

"An omelet!" I said; "what a coincidence!"

"It is, of course, unnecessary," he went on, "for me to again assure you how certain I am that your presence here is purely accidental. I have the honor of being His Royal Highness' equerry-in-chief."

Some great philosopher has asserted that earthquakes are of a beneficent character, tending to repair the earth's surface. At that present moment I should have blessed one, providing it engulphed me. I apologized in a few words. The equerry was cruelly polite, and was using a toothpick. I was performing a tragic exit, on a decidedly empty stomach. Had it not been for an incident occurring just then, I suppose I should have been for the rest of my life an Orsini, an International, a Red Republican, and an arch-hater of all Kings, Emperors, Grand Dukes and Princes' flunkies. Suddenly a little girl came skipping toward me.

"Good Sir, good Sir," she cried. "I have my little cup. I hid it, and now I won't have to give it up. My dear papa—and nobody can differ from him, not even my *gouvernante*—says it may keep it. Oh! I have fooled two of the ladies in waiting with it."

"So you know Mademoiselle la Princesse Sophie?" inquired the gentleman.

"Not at all," I replied.

"Yes he does," cried her minute loftiness; "he does, he does. I was perishing of thirst," "and he gave me such a pretty cup.

"And was Mademoiselle indeed so thirsty?" I said, pathetically.

"Yes, dying," was the august reply.

"Then," I remarked; "I am so hungry; never was nearer being starved in my life."

"Is it possible," cried the child. "You must, you shall have something to eat. Here are some bon-bons"—and she plunged her hand in her pocket and held me out three burnt almonds. "But all you want."

"I would rather have an omelet," I said with a smile.

"So you shall. Come with me. You must see my dear papa. You are a great deal nicer than half of the fussy, stuck-up people here. I am going to keep that cup as long as I live, as a *souvenir*. Come. I can't give you my hand to show you the way, because it is contrary to etiquette. Though I am seven years old I know my etiquette very well, excepting when I am hungry or thirsty."

"No, Mademoiselle la Princesse," I replied, "I cannot go with you. I came here by a mistake. Good-bye to you."

"I see, Sir, you are a gentleman," said the equerry, "and if you really are hungry, I shall be delighted to have you breakfast." I scarcely knew now whether to accept or decline. Here a servant approached, who said: "Mademoiselle, His Royal Highness desires to know who is this strange gentleman you are talking to. He requests you will go immediately to *Madame la Gouvernante*."

"Tell His Royal Highness I am coming straight. Stop, I'll run myself to dear papa, and tell him all about it. Don't, please, move until I come back."

The equerry and myself exchanged some few civilities. I saw the child fly across the lawn to where her illustrious papa was seated, and she kissed him. Perhaps His Royal Highness had breakfasted to his heart's content, and was amorously inclined, otherwise, I am sure if we had changed places and he had been as hungry as I was, I would have consigned him to the largest keep of darkest dungeon. In a trice the little lady was back again. "My dear papa says you shall be presented. M. l'Ecuyer, you will introduce Monsieur."

I gave my name to the Baron Von T——, and we were marched into the royal presence. The Duke, a good-natured person, with a pleasant smile on his face, was affable to a degree.

"My daughter has just told me of her *rencontre* with you on the road. Any apology on your part is superfluous. It is perfectly *sans façon* here."

"Dear papa," said the Princess, "I know you will excuse the mud on Monsieur's boots; he got in in the brook dipping up water for us."

"Silence, chatter-box," said the Prince, smiling. "Now, Monsieur, I leave you in charge of the Baron. Thanks for your kindness to my little one. Do you know ALEXANDRE DE MUSSET'S *Bonne Fortune*? You certainly have read GOLDSMITH'S 'She Stoops to Conquer.' Your presence here recalls both incidents," and, bowing, I left the august presence.

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## PROF. MORSE.

### Interesting Reminiscences of his Artist Life—His First Marriage.

*Correspondence of the Boston Journal.*

CONCORD, N. H., April 3, 1872.

None of the biographical sketches of the late Prof. MORSE make mention of a very important period of his life after he returned from Europe, in 1815, in indigent circumstances, where he had been a pupil of the great painter, BENJAMIN WEST, and a fellow-student with ALSTON and LESLIE. On his return to the United States, having settled in Boston, he met with so little encouragement that he removed to New-Hampshire, and, during the year 1818, painted portraits at $15 per head in this city. Mr. Incrementse Josh of one of those heads, Rev. ABEL MCFARLAND, for twenty-seven years pastor of the Old North Church, who left 2,064 manuscript sermons, may be found in BOUTON'S *Historyor of Concord*. There are many more of Prof. MORSE'S portraits still here, probably. He also gave attention to mechanics, as appears from the following extract from the New-Hampshire Patriot of April 14, 1818, now before us:

"An additional fire-engine has been purchased by the Board of Engineers. It is a new invention of Mr. MORSE, the celebrated painter, and is procured for about half the usual expense—say $250 to $300. It requires much less manual labor, and throws the water to as great a distance and in as large quantities. As we have seen only the operation of Mr. MORSE'S miniature model. Should his invention succeed equal to expectation and appearance, every village of any considerable extent will be a gainer to purchase one or more of these engines."

In his valuable history of Concord, Dr. BOUTON makes mention of the house in which he himself resided twenty-six years, still standing, erected by Major DANIEL LIVERMORE in 1785. In 1806 it was purchased by the Concord Bank, and occupied by the cashier, SAMUEL SPARHAWK, Esq., for twelve or more years. The history says: "It is a party given by Mr. SPARHAWK, in 1818, among the invited guests was Mr. S. F. B. MORSE, now distinguished as the inventor of the electric telegraph, who was that evening introduced to Miss LUCRETIA P. WALKER, daughter of CHARLES WALKER, Esq., who was accounted the most beautiful and accomplished young lady of the town, whom Mr. MORSE subsequently married. The *Patriot* of Oct. 6, 1818, announces the wedding as follows:

"MARRIED.—In this town, by Rev. Dr. MCFARLAND, Mr. SAMUEL F. B. MORSE, (the celebrated painter,) to Miss LUCRETIA WALKER, daughter of CHARLES WALKER, Esq."

By this, his first wife, who died a few years after their marriage, Prof. MORSE had one daughter, Miss SUSAN, for many years a resident of Guyama, Porto Rico. After 1818, the Professor went to Charleston, S. C., where he found more profitable employment, and about 1822 took up his residence in New-York, where he painted a full-length portrait of Gen. LAFAYETTE, then on a visit to this country, under a commission from the Corporation. In 1829, he again went to Europe and remained three years.

### His First Historical Painting—His Account of a Visit to the House in Which he was Born.

*From the Boston Advertiser, April 6.*

In the Mayor's office at the Charlestown City Hall hangs a large painting which possesses a peculiar interest from the fact of its having been one of the first pictures painted by the late Prof. MORSE, the inventor of the telegraph. For a long time it lay among the rubbish in the old City Hall, almost undistinguishable by reason of neglect and decay. Finally it was placed unframed in the Assessors' room, and many were the inquiries as to whom and what the picture was intended to represent. And well might persons inquire, for though it was evidently intended for a historical painting, there was a difference of opinion as to whether it depicted WASHINGTON crossing the Delaware, or the landing of the Pilgrims. The men were all dressed in Continental uniforms, but otherwise the picture seemed to represent the historic scene at Plymouth Rock. On examination, the name of Prof. MORSE was found on the back, and Hon. G. WASHINGTON WARREN wrote to the Professor asking information. A very interesting letter was received in reply, which is now preserved in the records of the Charlestown Board of Aldermen. The letter is written in a bold and handsome hand, and is a model of penmanship. It threw a good deal of light on the painting, which, as will be seen by perusing the letter as given below, was intended to represent the landing of the Pilgrims:

NEW-YORK, May 11, 1870.

MY DEAR SIR: I take pleasure in replying to your queries in your favor of yesterday, respecting the painting in the Charlestown City Hall. The subject is "The Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth." From the 22d of February, 1811, you will perceive that it was painted before I commenced my studies in the art. It was my earliest effort at painting an historical picture, and can have no particular merit, being the effort of a boy of nineteen. It may have an historical interest in the fact that it was the painting and landscape painted about the same time that decided my father, by the advice of STUART and ALLSTON, to permit me to visit Europe with the latter artist to study art under their protection. I left with him in July of the same year, 1811, arriving in England in August; have not seen this picture since that date; it was painted in the parsonage which was built near the present church, but which has been for many years removed to another locality. A few years ago I made a very brief visit to Charlestown with my wife and a daughter, who were desirous of seeing the house and room in which I was born; I then found that this picture was in the City Hall, and I intended to visit it, but they felt more interest in the house, so the time I had at command was devoted to showing them the house in which I was born, temporarily occupied by my parents, while the parsonage, now removed, was in process of building. This house is on the Main-street, on the north side, a little west of the Universalist brick church, and when we visited it had been occupied by Capt. EDES. My wife and daughter were more interested in visiting this house, so I gave up my visit to the City Hall. I have just entered upon my eighteenth year, and can scarcely expect that there are many, if any, of my personal friends and fellow-townsmen still living; but I cannot forget the place of my birth, nor the kind expressions of remembrance by their descendants.

Respectfully, your obedient servant,

SAM'L F. B. MORSE.

G. WASHINGTON WARREN, Esq., Charlestown, Mass.

Shortly after the new City Hall was opened, Mayor KENT had the picture restored and framed and hung in his office. Opposite may be seen a photograph of the first instrument used by Prof. MORSE in telegraphing. The picture is a rather strange-looking affair, and the mountainous scenery little resembles the low and sandy shore of Plymouth. But a well-known steel engraving of the same event makes the same mistake, and, instead of the Continental uniform, dresses the Pilgrim Fathers in the garb of the cavaliers.

### General Jail Delivery.

Under the recent decision by the Court of Appeals in the Huber case, that a conviction before a single Justice at Special Sessions was illegal, Mr. WM. F. HOWE obtained, yesterday, from Judge BRADY, in Supreme Court, Chambers, writs of habeas corpus in the cases of forty-one prisoners. The writs were all made returnable on Monday next, when, it is understood, by agreement between counsel and the District-Attorney, one case will be argued as a test case. The names of the prisoners are as follows:

John Gilmore, James McGrath, Charles Bergman, James Dalton, William Girard, John Lyons, Ann Leary, Charles Levi, Augustus McHurin, Charles Stratton, John Thompson, Peter Williams, John Williams, John Walsh, John Brown, Jeremiah Carroll, Thomas Riley, Delia Robinson, Henry Schroeder, John White, John Bennett, Francis Dunn, Fabriah Kane, Andrew Lynch, Alexander McArthur, James McCormick, Albert S. Rice, Ida Adams, William Brown, Timothy Brennan, James Ramsey, Albert Deperolf, Andrew Judd, James Walsh, Thomas McIlvaine, Mary Fay, Edward Clark, John Commerford, Michael King, Martin Brewster, James Carroll, John Scully, James Kennedy, John J. Dawson and William Clark.

The crimes of which these parties have been convicted, consist almost exclusively of assaults and petit larceny.

### Gould's Arrest Rumored.

A report was in circulation late yesterday afternoon that Mr. JAY GOULD had been arrested and ordered to find bail in a large amount to cover any judgment that might be found against him in the suit just commenced at Albany. A reporter of the TIMES visited the house of the Ex-President of Erie, and found him seated at a small table, examining a stock price-list, with his bank-book of the Tenth National Bank beside him. He said emphatically that there was not a word of truth in the report, and that he actually knew nothing of the suits brought against him by Gen. BARLOW. Everything was in his lawyers' hands.

## BORROWED PLUMES.

### Visit to a Costumers' Establishment—How Fashionable Clothing is Loaned for Balls and Funerals—Interesting Facts and Gossip.

In these days, when all mankind and womankind aim to make a respectable appearance in the way of dress, there are many whose slender means prevent their being the absolute owners of fashionable apparel. This large class have therefore to depend upon others, and the necessity thus created has called into existence a distinct and peculiar line of business. For many years, especially since the inauguration of mammoth masquerade balls, the fancy costumers have driven a remarkably brisk and profitable trade. Fancy costumes being utterly useless to the wearers after the occasion for their temporary use, few people care to purchase such dresses outright. The consequence is that immense stocks of these articles are kept on hand by professional costumers for the use of costumers, who secure suitable character-costumes at a very small outlay. This procedure is very easily understood, but it is not generally known that the costumers do not confine themselves to ancient or fancy dresses, but also provide patrons with fashionable apparel of the present day.

In a City like New-York there are no visible grades of society, especially at public assemblies or places of amusement. A well-to-do merchant may find himself seated at the opera next to a clerk employed in another house, though he would never suspect the fact, so unexceptionably is the young man dressed, while his manner has nothing of the counting-room about it. A neatly fitting dress-coat, an immaculate shirt-front, a superb overcoat, and the latest style of cravat hat, held in the daintiest of kids, completes a costume that would not disgrace the most fashionable drawing-room. His female companion, a really beautiful creature, has her loveliness adorned by ample skirts of the richest material, while a delicious opera-cloak, a costly bonnet, and a flood of suzie, complete a most ravishing costume. Perhaps neither of these young people are aware that each has borrowed their plumes from a fashionable costumer, yet so it often happens, while the merchant's daughter secretly wishes that her papa would allow her a little more liberty in the way of costume. Many innocent and old-fashioned people are amazed at the theatre or in the concert-room at the displays of rich apparel there unfolded, and are at a loss to imagine how so much money can be spared for dress by those they know to be anything but rich. If these good souls were only acquainted with half the secrets of the costume business their wonder would cease, and the matter assume a totally different aspect.

The writer recently met a superbly-dressed woman at the Fifth-avenue Theatre, in company with a man whose dress was in the very latest style. Even in that house, where full dress is so much observed, this couple created a sensation. Yet I recognised the man as a clerk in a Broadway store, with a salary of $1,000 per annum, and the other as his wife. While they were enjoying the performance, and attracting the attention of their neighbors, the writer encounted a well-known costumer in the lobby, to whom he pointed them out. "Oh!" remarked the costumer, "I lent them the costumes; they're old customers of mine." Yet there were, no doubt, many unsophisticated people who imagined this gaily-dressed pair to be wealthy members of society. It was amusing, after learning their true character, to see the ease with which they carried matters, and it was difficult to discover the base metal until you heard the ring of it.

But the borrowed plumes are not only to be found in fashionable haunts, for in the lower circles of society the method of hiring suitable costumes is well understood, and there is less concealment about it. Even some undertakers include the costume business with the other branches of their very lucrative profession, and not only agree to furnish hearse, coffin and carriages, but will on occasion provide the sable garments necessary for the mourners. At weddings the costumers often appear by proxy, and their shelves furnish the necessary apparel for the guests in the utmost profusion. The orange wreath and veil for the bride, and often the rich dress comes from the costumer, while the bridegroom has recourse to the same accommodating gentleman for his wedding suit.

In Bleecker-street, there is a place where forty or fifty dress-coats are let out every evening during the ball season to those who cannot afford to buy such a luxury, but who, rather than be without one, pay a handsome interest on the investment. These garments are generally imported from England. They cost at wholesale from $6 to $12, and can be imported from $10 to $15. They lack, of course, the lustre and finish of a first-class article, but at night, and in a crowded room, very ordinary cloth passes muster. These the costumer lets out for $3 to $5 for the evening, according to the customer, who must come well-recommended or leave a deposit. Should the customer require pants and vest, with the white and colored insertions as at present worn, he is taken into a private apartment and allowed to suit himself. It costs $2 to hire the vest and pants. A youth with a judicious mind and some little experience in purchasing on the Bowery can go and buy a pair of soiled gloves at from fifty to seventy-five cents. For fifty cents he can have his hand measured at a place on Eighth-street, near the Cooper Union, for a pair of gloves made of rat-skin. These are furnished in an hour, and for an evening's wear answer the purpose, and, in fact, if one is not a judge, this spurious article is often passed for kid, and high prices are obtained. Those with an economical turn of mind generally get a couple of pairs of gloves, and after the first dance the cleanest pair is removed. People are not so fastidious about clean gloves late on in the evening, and if the goods are of first quality, three pairs can be made to last the season, and for thirty cents be afterward dyed so as to be worn in the street. Perhaps your hat requires rejuvenating, and that there are many places where old hats renew their youth, and the most dilapidated castor, provided the felt be good, can be made to appear as good as new. The charge for this is $1.25.

The writer visited recently one of these costume establishments, and was astonished to find on hire several hundred dresses, embracing all costumes from a plain calico to a brocade silk. These articles are not hanging up carelessly as in a wardrobe, but every precaution is used to keep them clean and neat. Long dresses, redolent of lavender and perfume, completely filled one of the rooms, while in another ten or twelve sewing-girls were kept constantly employed altering and fitting. A lady comes in and informs the proprietor that she is going to a certain ball, and wants a stylish outfit. All kinds of magnificent dresses are shown her, and she chooses one worth $400, for the use of which she has to pay $25, and should there be on its return a spot or stain, she is obliged to pay for the breadth soiled. These dresses are only loaned to reliable parties, who give a promissory note for their full value, which is returned when the dress comes back. There were a great variety of silk, satin and lace overskirts, with or without panier, and black and white lace shawls, some of which are valued as high as $500, for the loan of which ten to fifteen per cent. is charged. The establishment keeps on hand about fifty of these high-priced dresses, most of which, like a favorite book at a circulating library, are in constant use. These elegant-pattern dresses to be seen in the windows of sewing-machine establishments eventually find their way to the costumer. Mourning goods is a great specialty with all dress of this class, as deaths are usually unexpected, and no preparation is made for the sad event. Ladies, while their own wardrobe is being made up, go there, and hire temporary outfits for a moderate sum. To the widow of slender means it is a positive benefit to have such conveniences. The majority of the dresses are of black crapes, or of cheap black silk, and they can be hired for about $5 a month. There were also an assortment of black cloaks and black velvet capes. Muffs and furs are hired by the week or month, and a lady can easily afford to pay $5 a month during the Winter for a $40 fur. When a lady applies the goods without leaving a deposit she is asked for the costumer where she lives and where her husband is employed. A boy is sent to ascertain if her statement be correct, and then the articles are sent to her address. "Now, Monsieur, I leave you in charge of the Baron. Thanks for your kindness to my little one. Do you know ALEXANDRE DE MUSSET'S *Bonne Fortune*? You certainly have read GOLDSMITH'S 'She Stoops to Conquer.' Your presence here recalls both incidents," and, bowing, I left the august presence.

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## SWINDLING EXTRAORDINARY.

### A Mulatto Chevalier d'Industrie and His Strange Career.

*Paris Correspondence of the London Echo.*

One of the most remarkable swindlers that ever came before the public has just been sentenced to two years' imprisonment by the Correctional Tribunal of Paris. Our hero is a good-looking mulatto of thirty-five summers. He was born at Port-au-Prince of humble parents, and in 1857 left his native town for America, whence he passed into England and then into France. In 1858 he came to Paris, and, representing himself to be a lawyer, married the daughter of a well-to-do tradesman. Having spent all his wife's portion, he disappeared, and turned up again in Paris in 1860, and succeeded in marrying, under another name, the daughter of a rich jeweler of the Palais Royal. Eighteen months later he is found in London going through another marriage, which ends like the former ones, in the dissipation of the wife's dowry and the disappearance of the husband. He goes to Liverpool, where he gives himself out as the agent of the Government of Hayti for the purchase of frigates, and succeeds in swindling the tradespeople to a large extent. He then makes a tour to Geneva, Rotterdam, Brussels, Berlin and other places, and under various high-sounding names swindles everybody he comes across. In 1869 he was condemned by the Seine Assizes to five years' imprisonment for forgery. At the time this sentence was pronounced our hero, whose real name appears to be DORSAINVILLE, was at Hamburg, where he passed two months in jail for swindling. His sentence over, he was taken by the police to Cologne, to undergo six months' imprisonment there, to which he had been sentenced some time previous. Having paid this last penalty of the law, he resolves to return to France once more, and here commences the series of charges brought against him on the present occasion. In the month of March, 1870, DORSAINVILLE was at Nice. He had already lodged several months at the Hotel du Printempts, kept by Mme. ANDOLI. He called himself here Comte de Nau, and said his father had just died, leaving him an immense fortune. He produced letters from one WEBER, whom he represented as a banker in London, announcing the fact that he had 600,000 francs at the Count's disposition, but that, according to a clause in his father's will, the money could not be paid over to the Count before the month of December following. Mme. ANDOLI, on the faith of these letters, gave him credit, and he also managed to get clothes from a tailor to the value of $100. Dressed out as the greatest swell of the period, he went to a jeweler named SCARONNE, and demanded a loan of 12,000 francs on a check of the pretended banker, WEBER; but M. SCARONNE was too wide-awake, and having obtained unsatisfactory information from the authorities, refused. The Count, however, was more successful with a silk merchant named WERCHENE, from whom he got 5,890 francs' worth of silk, with which he eloped, leaving a bill of 1,460 francs unpaid at the hotel. On the outbreak of the war, DORSAINVILLE found himself once more in London, the scene of some of his former exploits. Here he was successful in deceiving the Haytien Chargé d'Affaires, M. MERTENS, and on Oct. 24 obtained a passport which represented him as "M. le Comte Catilina Nau, lawyer and Haytien subject, attached to the Legation in France." On war's over, he comes back to Paris, puts up at one of the big hotels, has cards printed, and his letters addressed to the American Embassy. In addition he sends an "official" note round to the papers, which is to the following effect: "The union of the Antilles may be considered, in a diplomatic point of view, as an accomplished fact. M. Eugene Nau, Deputy Republic of the Haytien Corps Legislatif, has been named Special Plenipotentiary to the United States. The Comte Catilina Nau, future Minister in Paris of Hayti, is negotiating with the French Government on the affairs concerning Martinique and Guadeloupe, &c." Having laid his trape, the Count sets to work to get money, and succeeds in a good many cases, but, eventually, pushing his audacity too far, he finds himself once more in the hands of the police. During his imprisonment, awaiting his trial, DORSAINVILLE wrote the most extraordinary letters to the Judges, denying his guilt, and swearing that it was a case of mistaken identity. He also wrote to the editors of several papers, requesting them to send special reporters to his trial, and let France and the world know how unjustly he was being used. The mad rogue and swindler has now been sentenced to two years' hard labor.

### Base-Ball—The First Game of the Season—Notes.

The base-ball season of 1872 commenced yesterday with a match on the Capitoline Grounds between the Atlantics and junior Concords. The clubs were fortunate in having favorable weather, and the ground was in excellent condition for playing, being entirely dry and free from frost. Play was called at 3 P. M., Starr and Pearce of the Mutuals being in the Atlantic nine, in place of CHAPMAN and BARLOW, who failed to show up. As was expected, the professionals had it all their own way from the commencement, troubling themselves very little about the result, and this, combined with their Winter seclusion, precluded any generally remarkable play, although at times their skill showed itself in difficult pieces of fielding. BRETT pitched with considerable effect, being fairly supported by FERGUSON, DEHLMAN, and BURDOCK, while on the part of the juniors there was little, if any, commendable play. The score, by outs, runs, and first base huts, is as follows:

| ATLANTIC. | O. | R. | 1B. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pearce, 2d b | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Brett, p | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Dehlman, 1st b | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Kenny, 2d b | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Ferguson, c | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| Burdock, s. s | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Remsen, c. f | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| McDonald, r. f | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Starr, l. f | 3 | 5 | 3 |
| Total | 21 | 33 | 18 |

| CONCORD. | O. | R. | 1B. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Pratt, s. s | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Cohler, 2d b | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Decker, r. f | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Carlysle, c. f | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Mack, 1st b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith, l. f | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Meisenkip, p | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Smart, 3d b | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Roberts, c | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Total | 21 | 2 | 4 |

INNINGS.

| | 1st. | 2d. | 3d. | 4th. | 5th. | 6th. | 7th. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlantic | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 14 | 5—33 |
| Concord | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2—4 |

Umpire—Mr. J. Rase.
Time of Game—Two hours.

To-morrow the Atlantics play the Burnsides at the Capitoline. Play called at 3 P. M.

On Thursday, (Fast Day,) the Boston's begun their season by defeating a strong picked nine of Boston and Brooklyn players, by a score of 22 to 6. The game, which was witnessed by 3,000 spectators, is represented as having been splendidly played on the part of the Bostonians, the score of their opponents certainly indicates fine fielding.

The Athletics will commence the season with TRACEY at centre and REACH at right field, leaving SENSENDERFER and MACK as a reserve corps. On the 3d inst. the nine, with McMULLIN of the Mutuals, as pitcher, took a trip to Glouchester, N. J., and there worsted a picked nine of Philadelphia players by a score of 19 to 8, which is exactly the same as the figures of their opening match in April last year. On the 22d the Athletics play an exhibition game with the Baltimore club.

Extensive improvements have been made at the Union Grounds which will take year afford seating accommodation to nearly 5,000 people. The fence on the left side of the club-house has been moved back twenty-five feet to make room for an extra row of benches, over which a roof is to erected.

## DEACON BROWN.

### A DIALECTIC EXCUSE FOR A GOOD MAN.

BY JOHN PAUL.

*For the New-York Times.*

It's Deacon Brown yer sakin' about?
*He* hasn't been round fur a year;
They planted him last kibbage time,
Which is why he isn't here.
Fur p'raps ye've observed as a gun'ral thing
That this lyin' under ground
Fur a year or two don't make one feel
Pretty much like sloshin' round.

His kerricter, eh? What, old Deac. Brown?
Well, I'm ruther 'shamed to say
That he wan't much the sort o' saint
Sot up by Harte and Hay.
He never cussed in his nat'ral life—
I mention this with consarn—
He didn't know how, though he might a know'd
Ef he had a cared ter larn.

But it makes it rough fur the chap that gets
The writin' of his biog.
To hev tor confess he's a slingin' ink
Over sich a bump on a log,
Who didn't amount to shucks in a row,
Who never war out on a tear,
And fur tacklin' a neat little game of "draw,"
Couldn't tell a full from a pair.

Fur the Deac. jest war a common cuss
O' the most ornariest kind,
Who never looked out o' the winder o' sin,
And dursn't raise a blind.
Ye've no idee how parvarse he was,
I've hearn him remark—this limb!
That though he war raised in a Christian land,
*One* wife war enough fur him.

His canal-boat one't—it was yers ago,
When drivers both druv and steered—
Run agin the bank jest above Penn Yan,
An' some o' the help got skeer'd.
The Pilot sot in the ingin-room,
And helt his nozzle an' swore.
But the Deac. spread *himself* at the gang-plank
A handin' the ladies ashore.

P'raps the Deac., ef he'd hed the rearin' o' some,
Would a panned out better that trip;
But, considerin' of his broughtens up,
He didn't quite lose his grip.
Onfortunit-like fur the Deac. an' me,
He'd acertul raisin' to hum;
An' yer can't 'spect much of a chap, yer know,
Onless he sprouts from a slum.

Ef he'd been a high-toned gambolier,
Or the rough of a mining camp,
With a bushel of sin in his karricter,
An' a touch of Satrey Gamp,
Or an injineer or an injun thar—
Any kind of a rum-histin' lout—
Per'aps he'd a done some pretty big thing
Fur me ter be splurgin' about.

But he jest plugged on in a no 'count way,
A leadin' a good squar life,
Till the war kem on—then he pulled up stakes,
An' said good bye ter his wife.
I've hearn tell a grittier man nor him
In battle never trod,
An' he didn't let down in the face of Death,
Although he b'lieved in a God.

It's queer how he fout at Fredericksburg—
The Deac. jest went in wet,
A pray'n an' shoot'n, an' every time
A fetchin' his man you bet.
Yet he wan't sustained by the soothin' thought,
When he fell—October 'leventh,—
That he'd knock'd spots out the commandments,
An' been special rough on the seventh.

Jest over beyont thet turnip-patch,
Some twenty holes yer kin see,
Thet air filled by chaps who went from here
To fight 'gin Gineral Lee.
They went from here 'bout plantin' time,
They kem back when corn was ripe,
An' we buried 'em by that walnut tree—
All chaps of the Deacon's stripe.

We'll cross over thar to the old man's grave,
And I guess I'll be gittin' then....
Yer pardin, stranger, I allers unroof
At the grave o' that sort o' men....
I've been gassin 'away promiscus like,
But now I make bold ter say,
It don't foller on a man's a sneak
Cause he lives in a decent way.

I know some folks reck'n contraiwise,
An' aling their ink quite free.
But they hain't got holt thur right end on it,
Accordin' to my idee.
An' thet's why I've sort o' been chippin' in,
A pleadin' the Deacon's excuse,
Fur you know we all can't be gamblers and thieves,
An' all women needn't be loose.

### Statistics for the Week.

Fourteen hundred and fifty-eight arrests were made by the Police last week.

There were reported at the Bureau of Vital Statistics during the past week, 705 deaths, 384 births and 172 marriages, showing an increase of 19 in the deaths over those of the previous week. Thirty-three of the deaths were from small-pox, and 110 cases of this disease were reported during the week.

Fire-Marshal MCSPEDON reports twenty-nine fires for the past week. Estimated loss, $113,300; amount of insurance, $738,800. Nine of the fires were caused by carelessness; five by foul chimneys; four by explosion of kerosene and liquid gas lamps: one by rats gnawing matches, and the rest by a variety of accidental causes.

### Truth in a Nut-Shell.

The Coroner's jury on the late case of death in a dentist's office in Thirty-fourth-street, rendered a verdict that asphyxia was the cause of death; and that in their "opinion," the "inhalation of gas administered" had "induced" the asphyxia.

I was under the impression that a jury were sworn to render a verdict according to the evidence. Where was the evidence to justify such a verdict? It was proved beyond dispute that the woman did not take gas enough to put a child asleep; and that afterward she had her teeth drawn *without* the gas.

If the gas had any effect, it had the effect to prevent asphyxia. Prof. DONKMUS, Prof. ZIEGLER, and all the high authorities treating on the subject, state that when asphyxia exists, or is threatened, nitrous oxide should be given, as the quickest and most effectual remedy. It is almost certain that this woman would have been recovered, if nitrous oxide had been administered when asphyxia was threatened. All that was wanted was a supply of oxygen to the lungs, and this the gas would have furnished.

Before passing such a judgment, the jury should have obtained more accurate information in regard to the physiological effects of the gas. Medical men know little more about the practical effects of this gas, than ordinary people, because they have no occasion to use it in their medical practice. They merely remember what their professor on chemistry told them in one or two lectures, during their college course of study.

A lady patient of Dr. WILLARD PARKER, who had a large number of teeth to be extracted, desired him to accompany her to our office and superintend the operation. The doctor said to her: "There is no use. *I shall only look on. Dr. Colton has had more experience with that gas than any man living.*" He came. With one administration we extracted fifteen teeth or stumps, when, on waking, the lady said to Dr. PARKER: "*I shall send you to some next time, I'm satisfied now,*" or words to that effect.

Dr. PARKER was a little over modest in regard to his own skillfulness and knowledge; but it was the modesty characteristic of honesty and common sense. If the jury in the above case had exhibited a little more of Dr. PARKER'S modesty, I think they would have examined other witnesses, and brought in a very different verdict.

Truth is not sustained or destroyed by "opinions" and votes, but by facts. G. C. COLTON.

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| 28 | 367 | 433 | 635 | 818 | 1006 | 1217 | 1429 | 1670 | 1874 |
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| 34 | 391 | 451 | 649 | 824 | 1038 | 1219 | 1435 | 1682 | 1883 |
| 41 | 393 | 452 | 650 | 829 | 1039 | 1220 | 1442 | 1684 | 1889 |
| 43 | 393 | 452 | 650 | 829 | 1039 | 1220 | 1442 | 1689 | 1895 |
| 48 | 376 | 454 | 659 | 832 | 1045 | 1222 | 1445 | 1690 | 1899 |
| 51 | 377 | 457 | 663 | 838 | 1046 | 1226 | 1452 | 1690 | 1899 |
| 71 | 374 | 459 | 663 | 840 | 1047 | 1230 | 1455 | 1692 | 1904 |
| 74 | 378 | 464 | 664 | 841 | 1049 | 1235 | 1456 | 1694 | 1907 |
| 75 | 394 | 467 | 666 | 842 | 1051 | 1237 | 1459 | 1699 | 1909 |
| 76 | 399 | 469 | 675 | 848 | 1055 | 1263 | 1461 | 1700 | 1913 |
| 78 | 399 | 468 | 676 | 849 | 1062 | 1267 | 1465 | 1702 | 1918 |
| 86 | 394 | 476 | 676 | 860 | 1065 | 1268 | 1470 | 1703 | 1919 |
| 88 | 397 | 491 | 679 | 867 | 1079 | 1271 | 1476 | 1707 | 1923 |
| 89 | 399 | 492 | 682 | 868 | 1074 | 1275 | 1479 | 1710 | 1927 |
| 90 | 398 | 494 | 694 | 872 | 1079 | 1279 | 1486 | 1715 | 1930 |
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| 109 | 403 | 508 | 693 | 890 | 1094 | 1309 | 1508 | 1732 | 1948 |
| 112 | 410 | 510 | 695 | 897 | 1103 | 1313 | 1510 | 1733 | 1949 |
| 117 | 425 | 516 | 698 | 899 | 1107 | 1314 | 1516 | 1735 | 1951 |
| 131 | 433 | 523 | 700 | 900 | 1109 | 1315 | 1519 | 1739 | 1952 |
| 145 | 435 | 524 | 701 | 901 | 1111 | 1319 | 1520 | 1744 | 1958 |
| 149 | 438 | 529 | 705 | 902 | 1118 | 1323 | 1533 | 1753 | 1964 |
| 153 | 439 | 532 | 711 | 905 | 1116 | 1327 | 1537 | 1757 | 1965 |
| 156 | 433 | 535 | 713 | 912 | 1120 | 1340 | 1544 | 1758 | 1971 |
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| 162 | 435 | 539 | 716 | 915 | 1129 | 1345 | 1547 | 1778 | 1976 |
| 168 | 438 | 544 | 718 | 920 | 1134 | 1346 | 1550 | 1779 | 1980 |
| 170 | 444 | 550 | 719 | 921 | 1138 | 1360 | 1556 | 1780 | 1985 |
| 172 | 450 | 553 | 722 | 923 | 1151 | 1364 | 1557 | 1789 | 1997 |
| 177 | 452 | 555 | 726 | 930 | 1154 | 1368 | 1568 | 1791 | 2000 |
| 178 | 453 | 556 | 727 | 931 | 1158 | 1370 | 1570 | 1805 | 2005 |
| 179 | 469 | 559 | 730 | 942 | 1161 | 1371 | 1579 | 1807 | 2012 |
| 189 | 469 | 570 | 740 | 945 | 1165 | 1372 | 1581 | 1812 | 2015 |
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| 197 | 471 | 572 | 745 | 958 | 1170 | 1378 | 1593 | 1822 | 2058 |
| 199 | 476 | 576 | 746 | 959 | 1172 | 1382 | 1603 | 1831 | 2059 |
| 202 | 488 | 578 | 750 | 960 | 1177 | 1385 | 1604 | 1834 | 2067 |
| 209 | 489 | 583 | 763 | 967 | 1179 | 1386 | 1607 | 1835 | 2068 |
| 210 | 490 | 590 | 767 | 969 | 1180 | 1388 | 1614 | 1840 | 2082 |
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| 217 | 490 | 592 | 769 | 971 | 1187 | 1402 | 1629 | 1847 | 2093 |
| 219 | 495 | 593 | 772 | 972 | 1188 | 1403 | 1632 | 1849 | 2096 |
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Payment of the above Bonds will be effected on and after the 1st of July next, on surrender of the title, in the City of New-York, at the office of the undersigned, No. 8 Wall-st.

NEW-YORK, April 7, 1872.

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OFFICE OF THE LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 28, 1872.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the choice of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of other appropriate business will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of May next, between the hours of 11 o'clock in the forenoon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.

The transfer-books of the Company will be closed at the close of business on the 20th day of March inst., and will reopen on the morning of the 2d day of May next.

GEORGE B. ELY, Secretary.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the United States Mortgage Company will be held at the office of said Company, No. 27 William-st., in the City of New-York, on the 11th day of May, 1872, at 12 M.

By order of the Board of Directors.

ALEXANDER J. ROCH, Secretary.

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LOST—BETWEEN BOSTON AND NEW-York, a bond addressed to Marquand & Hill, containing certificate No. 7,000 for 100 shares Erie Island stock, in name of Henry Gaild, with power of attorney to Marquand & Hill. All persons are cautioned against receiving or negotiating the stock, as transfer has been stopped, and new certificate applied for.

(Signed.) MARQUAND & HILL.

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ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE. A scrip of all issues wanted by WM. C. GILMAN, No. 46 Pine-st., corner William-st.

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## DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND.

OFFICE OF THE RECEIVER OF THE WASHINGTON INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 173 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, April 1, 1872.

The undersigned, receiver of said Company, has THIS DAY declared a second dividend, payable to creditors on demand, of ten (10) per cent.

GEO. C. SATTERLEE, Receiver.

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OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, TONTINE BUILDINGS, NO. 20 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, March 29, 1872.

FIFTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have declared a dividend of FIVE PER CENT. out of the earnings of the road since the last dividend, payable to the stockholders, or their legal representatives, on and after the 8th of April next.

Transfer-books will close at 3 P. M. of the 31st, and be reopened on the morning of the 9th of April.

By order of the Board,

HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

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GALLATIN NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, March 30, 1872.

THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have declared a Dividend of Four per Cent, free of all taxes, payable on and after the 10th day of April. The transfer-books will remain closed until the 8th proximo.

A. H. STEVENS, Cashier.

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THE PIEDMONT RAILROAD COMPANY.—The coupons due 1st April, 1872, on the bonds of the above Company will be paid at our office.

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OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE INSURANCE CO., NEW-YORK, April 3, 1872.

A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF Ten per Cent. has this day been declared, free of Government tax, payable on demand.

A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

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## ASTROLOGY.

PROF. LUSTER, ASTROLOGER, has just arrived in the City from Boston, where he was located twenty years, and can be consulted upon all affairs in life at his residence, No. 74 Lexington-av., between 29th and 30th sts. Hours of business from 9 A. M. to 7 P. M. Fee terms please call or send for a circular.

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## DRY GOODS.

**STERN BROTHERS,**
367 SIXTH-AVENUE. 367
BETWEEN 22D AND 23D STS.

Beg to call the particular attention of our customers and ladies in general to the unusual inducements we shall offer this week in our

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WE OFFER
A splendid Chemise, Wamsutta Muslin, tucked Bosom, with Insertion and Ruffle, at.....$1.

WE OFFER
One lot Chemises, tucked Yoke, Back and Front, and Corded Band, Utica Muslin.....$1 18.

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An elegant Chemise, Wamsutta Muslin, Bias Tucking, nine rows Insertion and Ruffling.....$1 65.

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A Night-Gown, Yoke Tucked Back and Front, of excellent Muslin, at.....$1 50.

WE OFFER
Ladies' Drawers, cluster Tucks and embroidered Edging.....80c.

WE OFFER
Ladies' Drawers, of Utica Muslin, Bias Tucking, cluster of Tucks and Ruffling.....81c.

WE OFFER
One lot of Walking Skirts, best Muslin, demi-train, with French Tucking.....99c.

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PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK, NO. 1,148 BROADWAY, Between 26th and 27th sts.

Six per Cent. interest allowed on all sums. Deposits made on or before the 20th of April draw interest from the 1st of April.

FERD. OLMSTEAD, President.
CHAS. T. RODGERS, Secretary.

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ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK, No. 185 Chatham-square and No. 62 New Bowery, New-York.

Money deposited now will date interest from the first of next month.

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To commence Monday, April 8, 1872.
The following Novelties will be on exhibition:

The genuine Daily Varnish Poplins, at 25c., a yard. All styles of Japanese Silks, at 50c. a yard; real value $1.

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3 cases Black Grenadines, 62½ a yard, worth 90c.

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80 pieces Satin Stripes Grenadine, $1 25, worth $2.

SUITS, SUITS.

Leading styles at Suits of Spring Costumes, made of Japanese Silks, at $10 50, $14 and $16.

Linen Suits, from $6 and upward.

Ladies' Under-garments of every description.

LADIES' CHEMISES, LADIES' DRAWERS, LADIES' SKIRTS, trimmed with edging, embroidery and tucking, at 38c., 42c., 47c., 50c., 60c., 65c., 75c., 85c. and 90c.

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Black Cape Cloth, at 90c., worth 90c.

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KID GLOVES. KID GLOVES.

100 dozen in Spring shades at 75c.

A new invoice, just opened, at 87c. and $1 12 a pair. Every pair warranted.

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Walking cane Parasols at 99c.

400 styles of Parasols, from 30c., 40c., 50c., 60c., $1 and upward.

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They will open another case of Embroideries, altogether, 19,472 yards, at 12c., worth 30c.

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Nottingham and Point Applique, 14c., 16c. and 25c.

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Several cases Pique Trimming, from 3c. a yard and upward.

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Sash Ribbons at 25c., 30c. and 40c.

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Immense variety of Hair Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Pocket-books, 25c.; largest Pins, 3c.; Soaps, 5c.

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AT GREAT BARGAINS.

400 dozen Towels, one yard long, at $1 50 per dozen.

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WAMSUTTA MUSLINS. WAMSUTTA MUSLINS at 16c. a yard, warranted the best quality.

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Our departments are freely open, whether with a view to purchase or not, to inspection.

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CORNER CARMINE AND BLEECKER STS.

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6th-av. and 19th-st.,
(OUR ONLY STORE.)

We would respectfully announce to our friends and customers that we are now opening the largest and richest assortment of goods ever exhibited on 6th-av., Comprising all the newest and latest styles in SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS, With some great bargains in Black and Fancy Silks and Dress Goods, which we offer at unusually low prices.

80 pieces excellent black Silks, $1, $1 18, $1 25, and $1 38, all full width and warranted silk.

10 pieces extra quality white edge black Silk, 180 yards of fine lustre, $1 50; worth $1 88.

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Striped and Plain Mohairs and Lustres, in great variety, at 25c., 30c., 33c., 44c. and 50c.; choice patterns.

Full lines of Mourning Goods in Bombazines, Biarritz, Crepe Cloths, Henrietta Cloths, Cashmeres, Drap d'Ete, at very low prices.

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Grand display of Trimmed Bonnets and Round Hats, imported and of our own manufacture.

ALL THE NEW SHAPES IN FRAMES, Straw Bonnets, Round Hats, &c.

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Stylishly-trimmed Hats, $6 to $15, same as sold on Broadway at $15 to $20, and not in any respect inferior in style or quality.

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Embroidered Linen and Cambric and Lawn Wrappers.

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IN
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IN ALL THE
FASHIONABLE
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WILL FIND A LARGE AND CHEAP STOCK OF LINENS, DAMASKS, TABLE-CLOTHS, TOWELS, NAPKINS AND TOWELINGS, WHITE QUILTS AND COUNTERPANES, AND LACE CURTAINS.

Huck Towels at $1, $1 25, $1 50, to $2 75 per doz.
Damask Napkins, all linen, at 50c., $1, $1 20, to $2 50 per doz.
Linen Crashes at 8½c., 9c., 10c. and upward.
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Barnsley Damasks at 60c., 65c., 70c., to $1 10 per yard.
Please call and examine our goods and prices before purchasing.

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AT MRS. GAYNOR'S,
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CORSETS, SKIRTS, AND TOURNOURS. SPECIALTIES.

Elegant shapes in French Coutille, and Meriy's Woven Corsets, plain and embroidered.

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Latest Paris novelties.

Articles suited to every style and figure. New and convenient Traveling Skirts, all at very moderate prices.

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IN ALL THE WELL-KNOWN AND APPROVED MAKES,
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IN BEAUTIFUL DESIGNS AND COLORINGS.
ALSO, NOVELTIES IN SHAWLS,
FOR THE CARRIAGE AND PROMENADE,
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In their Ladies' and Children's
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Have a full line of
LADIES' SILK WALKING AND EVENING COSTUMES,
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LADIES' UNDER-CLOTHING IN GREAT VARIETY,
Night-dresses, Chemises, Skirts, &c., &c.; Children's Pique and Linen Dresses, handsomely braided.
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INFANTS' WARDROBES COMPLETE.
CLOAKS, DRESSES, SLIPS, SKIRTS, &c., &c., IN STOCK, READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE.
DRESSES AND SUITS FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN MADE TO ORDER.

We have just opened a NEW DEPARTMENT OF STRAW HATS FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN,
Which will be constantly supplied with the LATEST STYLES, AND CANNOT BE SURPASSED BY ANY IN THE CITY.

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50 cases of the most desirable

BLACK DRESS GOODS

EVER IMPORTED,

Which we offer below last season's prices, comprising in part

FRENCH CASHMERES,
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Royal Silk Warp Paramatas,
Parisienne Bombasine and Crape Cloth.

IRON GRENADINES,
40c., 50c., 60c., 65c., 75c., $1, $1 25.

5-4 Grenadines, $2 to $3 50.

BLACK SILKS,
$1, $1 25, $1 50, $1 75, $2, $2 25, $2 50, $2 75, $3, Richest imported, $4.

Black Alpacas and Mohair Lustres,
Brilliantines and Zurich Cloth.
Japanese Stripes from 40c. to 75c.
Novelties in great variety.
Suits and Bonnets in the most modern styles.

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Popular DRY GOODS and CARPET Emporium,
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We open this week ten cases of

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Also GREAT BARGAINS in CARPETS, OIL-CLOTHS, UPHOLSTERY,

Mattresses, Pillows,
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WE HAVE ADDED TO OUR HOSIERY, GLOVE and LACE DEPARTMENT a full line of PERFUMERIES, SOAPS, STATIONERY AND OTHER FANCY ARTICLES.

Our advantages in this and European markets is a guarantee to all that no house in this City can offer greater inducements.

JONES,
NOS. 167, 169 AND 171 8TH-AV.,
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have just received an elegant assortment of new goods, such as BERLIN SPRING COSTUMES, very cheap; CLOTH JACKETS for LADIES and CHILDREN, for SPRING and SUMMER wear; EMBROIDERED ORGANDIE DRESSES, EMBROIDERED LINEN POLONAISES and COSTUMES, made up and unmade; new shades in SATIN-STRIPED GRENADINES, and other new DRESS GOODS, and a splendid assortment of DOLLY VARDEN goods, both made up and unmade.

WILSON & GREIG,
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**ARNOLD, CONSTABLE & CO.**
Broadway, corner 19th-st.,
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PARIS-MADE,
AND OUR OWN WELL-KNOWN MANUFACTURED
**GARMENTS,**
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,
NOW OPEN.

ALSO,
A SUPERB STOCK OF NOVELTIES IN REAL THREAD LACE AND LLAMA POINTES, SACQUES, JACKETS.
PARIS EMBROIDERED CASHMERE CARRIAGE AND HOUSE JACKETS, MANTLES, &c.

**NOVELTIES**
IN ALL OUR DEPARTMENTS
NOW OPEN
FOR SPRING & SUMMER WEAR,
IN ALL THE VARIETIES IN FANCY DRY GOODS.

ALSO,
Full lines in all the various STAPLE DEPARTMENTS.

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WOOL STRIPED SHAWLS
From $3 and upward.
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF NEW ALBANIAN AND OTTOMAN SHAWLS AT VERY LOW PRICES.
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From $5 and upward.
ALSO, A SPLENDID STOCK OF BAREGE AND GRENADINE SHAWLS At $2 50 each and upward.

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A VERY LARGE AND ATTRACTIVE ASSORTMENT OF
RICH CARPETS,
FROM THE MOST CELEBRATED EUROPEAN MANUFACTORIES.
ENTIRELY NEW STYLES IN BRUSSELS MOQUETTES,
ROYAL WILTONS,
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AND MESSRS. JOHN CROSSLEY & SONS' VELVETS AND TAPESTRIES.

ALSO,
SMYRNA AND DAMASCUS CARPETS,
of an entirely new manufacture, never before offered in this country, very elegant and substantial.

ALSO,
A full assortment of the best makes of AMERICAN CARPETS,
ALL AT
Lowest Market Prices.

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A fine assortment now open of NEW AND DESIRABLE GOODS, and additions constantly receiving by every steamer.

ALSO,
A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT OF
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THE BEST BARGAINS EVER OFFERED IN THIS MARKET,
AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

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EIGHTH-AV., NEAR 24TH-ST.
STRAW HATS. STRAW HATS.
EVERY STYLE.
EVERY QUALITY.
THE LOWEST PRICES.

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Brown Straw Misses' School Hats at 30c., worth 50c.
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Fine Flowers, Millinery Laces, Satin Reps, Vallings. BARGAINS AT EHRICH'S. Elegant Feathers,

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NO. 915 BROADWAY, NEAR 21ST-ST.
Have for sale a furnished house in East 30th-st., $13,500 and $15,500; East 27th-st., $15,000; West 25th-st., $22,000; West 12th-st., $18,000; Lexington-av., $16,000, $23,000, and $27,500; many others at great bargains in good locations.
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NO. 208 WEST 59TH-ST., OPPOSITE Central Park, near 7th-av.
WM. FRIST BAILEY, Auctioneer.
By V. K. STEVENSON & SON will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, April 10, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M., the whole of the handsome and well-manufactured furniture and effects in the above residence. Catalogues at the house, or auctioneer's offices, No. 11 Pine-st.

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FOR SALE OR TO LET—WITH OR without furniture, the small three-story and Mansard-roof brown-stone house, No. 43 East 41st-st., near Madison-av.; one of the most complete houses (of its size) in the City; will be sold at a bargain.
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FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY high-stoop brown-stone-front house in 33d-st., between 5th and Madison avs., south side, built by day's work, and of the very best material; has all the modern improvements; will be sold low, and on very easy terms. Apply at the first house from Madison-av., or at J. H. WALKER'S, No. 50 Beekman-st.

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A SPLENDID CORNER HOUSE ON Park-av. for sale, four story, hard-wood finish, and altogether first class, 21.6x74x105; immediate possession.
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A CHOICE HOUSE FOR SALE IN 46th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., four story, brown stone, with all improvements, 16.8x55x100, only $25,000.
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A FIRST-CLASS FOUR-STORY HIGHstoop brown-stone house on 39th-st., between 5th and 6th avs., 21 feet wide, and in perfect condition; can be leased if taken at once. Also, a large number of others in all parts of the City, at prices to suit. Apply to ISAAC HONIG, No. 25 Pine-st.

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A VALUABLE PLOT OF LOTS, 75x100, north-east corner Madison-av. and 66th-st.; lay well and cheap.
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DESIRABLE THREE-STORY HIGHstoop brown-stone house on 41st-st., near Madison-av., 20x80x100; price, $25,000. BLACKWELL & CO., Nos. 55 and 57 Liberty-st.

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A FOUR-STORY HIGH-STOOP HOUSE in West 16th-st., near the Fifth-avenue; house 26.8x65, in good order; price $35,000; terms easy. Address OWNER, Box No. 1,167 Post-office.

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FOR SALE—NEAT COTTAGE, NO. 221 MONroe-st., Brooklyn, second house east of Nostrand-av.; 1st floor, 6 rooms, water and sewer connection; nice neighborhood; price, $4,000. Classon-av. and Nostrand-av. cars pass close by. Inquire on the premises.

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A RARE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW
Presented to parties looking for a choice and desirable country home, unsurpassed in point of surroundings, situated at Fishkill, on the banks of the Hudson, so elevated as to present the most beautiful scenery, with all Newburg City in full view, together with the river and mountains. Distance, one and three-quarter hours from New-York, with seven daily trains; one half-mile from river and depot. Neighborhood first-class, being surrounded by handsome country-seats; also, 4 churches, 2 banks, large number of stores, post-office, schools, &c. Large double house, 40x55, well arranged, and adapted to Winter as well as Summer use, with all modern improvements; absolute command of water; lawn, shade-trees, and ornamental trees and fruit in great abundance; large garden, first-class out-buildings, coach-house, glass grapery, ice-house, ten-pin-alley, fine fish-pond, fed by a never-failing spring, and also supplied with house with water, &c. The present owner has spared no expense to keep the property in perfect order, not until recently expecting to sell it. Furniture mostly new, together with horses, carriages, &c., included. Parties will here find everything to demand, without any necessary outlay, and all is offered at a low valuation, and terms to suit.
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The highest railroad station within twenty miles of New-York, has unequaled advantages as a place of residence for New-Yorkers, on account of its healthfulness and convenience of access. Houses furnished and unfurnished for sale and to rent. Building sites for sale. Houses built to suit purchasers upon easy terms.
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FOR SALE—TO CLOSE AN ESTATE, ON Manhasset Neck, Long Island, a fine country seat, situated on Hempstead Harbor, nearly opposite Glen Cove; has all the necessary out-buildings, and is in excellent order. The dwelling contains nine rooms, and is provided with furnace, range, bath-room, &c., &c. The grounds are well laid out, and include some five acres of lawn, a fine vegetable and fruit garden, a young orchard, and a large collection of choice shrubs and trees. The entire farm consists of 16 acres of land, 40 of it being wood-land. The improvements cost about fifty acres of land, including the wood-land on Hempstead Harbor, will be sold separately if desired. An excellent opportunity for a gentleman fond of yachting, &c. For further particulars, apply to WILLIAM A. MILES, No. 40 Cheyne-st.

A FINE SUBURBAN RESIDENCE—Situated adjoining Flushing, Long Island, two minutes from depot, thirty minutes from New-York, a modern house, nearly new, with extension Mansard roof; all modern improvements; hot and cold water, bath-rooms; heated by furnace; in the finest part of the ground in the vicinity, containing fourteen lots; also, about forty lots adjoining for sale. For particulars inquire on the premises of W. H. HOWARD.

A LARGE FINE RESIDENCE AND out-buildings, with 30 or 200 acres excellent land; valuable fruit orchards; fine lawn and shade trees; two miles frontage on the Hudson; two hours from City; price and terms exceedingly favorable to those on estate. W. F. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

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A HANDSOME COTTAGE AND GROUNDS, suitable to a business man, at Elizabeth, a city of nearly 35,000 inhabitants, with paved streets, Police, gas, water, steam fire department, good stores, markets, schools, churches, and a superior class of residences; within forty minutes' average time to New-York, with frequent trains from 5 A. M. to midnight, at cheap fares and by travel unsurpassed for regularity, safety or scenery—altogether the most accessible, orderly and agreeable suburb of New-York. House has gas, water, range, furnace, bath, closets, twelve rooms, in excellent design. Lot nearly one acre, laid out in lawn, garden, fruit and shade trees, vines, &c. Location good and in the line of growth. For view and particulars, send to PROPERTY OWNER, Post-office Box No. 235 New-York, or apply at the West Elizabeth Depot, within 1,000 feet (two minutes' walk) of the premises.

A MOST MAGNIFICENT
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WITH ABOUT FIFTY ACRES OF GROUND,
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The subscriber will sell his most charming residence, completely furnished entirely new. Furniture made to order: carpets by Sloane; with all the household furniture very complete.
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The place has a TROUT POND OF ABOUT TWO ACRES, with SMALLER POND ATTACHED, for PRESERVING TROUT. No other fish in pond.
The locality is perhaps MORE HEALTHY and FREER FROM ALL NUISANCES than any place ever offered in the environs of New-York for years past.
To a gentleman desiring to bring up his family in a respectable Protestant community, this place (being very CONVENIENT TO FIRST-CLASS SCHOOLS and of EASY ACCESS TO THE CITY) offers most superior inducements.
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That the firm of ALEXANDER SCOFIELD & CO. doing business at Cleveland, Ohio, and the firm of H. SCOFIELD & CO. doing business at New-York City, in each of which firms said parties are partners, are hereby, by mutual consent, dissolved, upon and between the 15th day of March, A. D. 1872.
It is, however, understood and provided that in settling up the business of said firms each partner may use the firm name, if necessary.
In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto subscribed, the day and year first above written.
JOHN ALEXANDER,
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TO LET,

## SUMMARY OF AMUSEMENTS.

**Dramatic.**

THE THEATRES.

The week has been a lively one at the theatres, although little novelty has been seen at them. The main exception has been the production of "Article 47" at the Fifth Avenue. We have already considered the claims of this drama at quite as much length as they deserve. It is an emasculated rehash of a very objectionable French original; morbid in conception, unwholesome in moral, and, much some people find such less pardonable, extremely dull and wearisome in representation. But for the strong acting of Miss CLARA MORRIS, "Article 47" would have failed altogether from the outset. As it is, its tenure of life may be extended for some nights to come. It certainly is not the kind of play to make a reputation for a first-class theatre.....Miss LE CLERCQ continues her engagement at Booth's having repeated Julia in the "Hunchback" through the week. To-morrow the lady is to appear in a favorite character of hers, the heroine of TOM TAYLOR'S "Plot and Passion." We perceive that Mr. BOOTH is underlined to appear again, and infer that he will return to his own boards after the conclusion of his current engagement in Philadelphia.....Having recovered from his illness, Mr. LESTER WALLACK has been playing with his accustomed force and buoyancy during the week in the "Veteran." The houses here have been excellent. Busy rehearsals are, however, in progress, and Mr. CHARLES MATHEWS is underlined. It is understood that "London Assurance" and "How She Loves Him" are to be done soon with casts of uncommon strength even for this favorite theatre.....Mrs. JOHN WOOD has repeated-ed her impersonation of *Mary Maybud* nightly at Niblo's, and the piece is to be run indefinitely, we presume, since the bills afford no promise of change.....The same report may be made of the Grand Opera-house, where "Lalla Rookh" now acts far more compactly than at first, and attracts hosts of admiring spectators.....Miss LAURA KEENE continues her engagement at Wood's Museum, and performs with her wonted variety and force the heroine of "Hunted Down."....."Humpty Dumpty" is as fresh as ever at the Olympic, and the new features introduced on Monday have been welcomed with infinite satisfaction.....At Lina Edwin's Theatre "The Palace of Truth" has been the card of the week, and it gives place on Monday to "Little Don Giovanni," in which will appear the CHAPMAN sisters and the HERNANDEZ family.....Mr. LENT announces the last week but one of his prosperous Circus season, and those among the few yet strange to the joys he offers should make haste to see them ere it is too late. Mlle. CAROLINE ROLLAND is one of the best living equestrienne, and Messrs. FISH, COOKE, and the JEM brothers, are all first-class performers in their several departments.....At the theatre in Union-square a great diversity of popular exhibitions can always be seen, and are of that disconnected sort that can be dropped in upon and witnessed with pleasure at any time in the evening.....The St. James Theatre is now occupied by MACEVOY'S "Hibernicon," the exhibition of which is preceded and followed by amusing farces.....The Broadway Theatre, once known as the Globe, will be reopened to-morrow evening, under the management of Miss JEAN BURNSIDE, who is to make her bow to the New-York public for the first time professionally on that occasion. The lady has thoroughly renovated the little house, and it will appear in a new and tasteful dress—in a worthier attire, indeed, than it has ever worn before. The play selected for the opening night is called "Gold." It is a domestic drama in five acts, and the joint production of of the *débutante* and a journalist of this City.

**Musical.**

ITALIAN OPERA.

The houses at the Academy this week have been quite stupendous. Mr. ROSA'S Combination has justified his daring and sagacity in the most conclusive manner. Our impressions of the operas of the week, "Il Trovatore," "Rigoletto," and "Don Giovanni," have been given in due course. To-morrow "Rigoletto" is to be repeated. The "Huguenots," we are told, is in active preparation, and will soon be brought out here, as well also "William Tell." These two grand works will worthily form the climax of a season of extraordinary brilliancy.....The Nilsson matinée at Wallack's yesterday, was attended by an audience that crowded the house. Miss NILSSON sings in "Amleto" at Booth's to-morrow afternoon.

MISS KELLOGG.

On Saturday next Miss CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG sails for England to fulfill her engagement at Drury Lane. The announcement would be received with general regret but for the well-known fact that Miss KELLOGG returns to us in the Fall to appear in Italian opera at the Academy. Mr. MARETZEK has had the wisdom and good fortune to make an engagement that has been too long deferred; and promises for next season the grand combination, in a single opera, of Mdlle. LUCCA, Miss KELLOGG and ILMA DE MURSKA. Miss KELLOGG does not go to London to try an experiment. Her position there has been already made and acknowledged. We trust, however, to receive her again with fresh, lyric garlands around her brow, and again to be able to record that steady rise in her art by which this fair young singer has always done honor to herself and her country. A prosperous voyage and a speedy return will be wished for Miss KELLOGG by hosts of friends and admirers. We are glad for her sake, if not for that of the Californians, that the interval between the present time and the Italian opera season of 1872-3 is to be spent by her in London and not in San Francisco.

**Home Gossip.**

Miss KELLOGG sang in Saratoga on Friday evening.....A San Francisco journal of March 26 says: "The will of the late HENRY BYRNE was finally admitted to probate last night. CARPENTER, the residuary legatee, testified to the circumstances of the making of the will, and that he knew nothing of the marriage of deceased to MATILDA HERON, except by hearsay. The investigation of the question of the marriage to MATILDA HERON was objected to, and the objection sustained by the Court, she not being represented in Court."....Mrs. MACREADY will soon depart on another extended tour, her first trip having been exceedingly successful.....Mr. JOHN M. MORTON'S drama of "Mignon," which has been written expressly for Miss LILLIE ELDRIDGE, will be first represented in Pittsburg on April 29, and is expected to be the attraction of a Broadway theatre this Summer.....Mr. EDWIN FORREST was prevented from playing at the Boston Globe on Tuesday by hoarseness.....Mr. OWENS was last week at Ford's Opera-house, in Baltimore.....Mr. EDWIN ADAMS was last week at Wood's Theatre, in Cincinnati.....Mrs. CAROLINE RICHINGS-BERNARD, Mrs. HENRI DRAYTON and Mr. PIERRE BERNARD are giving performances of "Rob Roy Macgregor" in the "oil regions".....Miss JANE COOMBS and her company will not next week in Detroit.....Mrs. D. P. BOWERS was last week in Pittsburg.....Mr. EDWIN BOOTH was last week at the Walnut-street Theatre, in Philadelphia.....On Monday and Tuesday Mr. JOSEPH JEFFERSON will act in Terre Haute.....Mr. J. B. BOOTH performed last week in Richmond.....Mr. GEORGE CLARKE benefited by a special representation at the New-Orleans Varieties on Friday. The New-Orleans papers further announce that Mr. CLARKE has signed a three years' engagement with Mr. DALY.....The Wyndham Comedy Troupe was last week at the St. Charles Theatre, in New-Orleans.....Mlle. ADINE was at the New-Orleans Olympic.....Mr. and Mrs. W. J. FLORENCE appeared last week in Rochester.....Mme. JANAUSCHEK acted last week in Galveston.

**Foreign Gossip.**

In one of the latest sittings of the French National Assembly the subvention of the Grand Opéra, the Théâtre Italien, the Lyrique, the Opéra Comique, the Odéon, and the Théâtre Français was debated. The Government and the Committee proposed that the total amount of the subvention for the present year should be 1,600,000 francs. M. BAUDOT, as an amendment, proposed the withholding of all subventions to theatres on account of the present necessities of the State, but subsequently supported an amendment brought forward by M. JAUBERT, a member of the Right, reducing the subsidy by 800,000 francs. M. JULES SIMON advocated the subvention of theatres on the ground of expediency, maintaining that the influence of the French theatre affected all Europe. The speech of M. JULES SIMON was warmly applauded by the Left, who supported the bill from a feeling, as they declared, that to refuse the subvention would be inflicting another blow upon Paris. The Assembly rejected M. JAUBERT'S amendment by 444 against 224 votes.

The London *Morning Post* says that an engagement has just been signed by Mr. FREDERICK, the manager of the Comédie Française, and M. RAPHAEL FELIX, of the St. James' Theatre. In consequence of this arrangement, the artists of the Théâtre Français are to come to London next July, and to play all their most favorite pieces. The whole troupe is to cross the channel, numbering, it has been stated, fifty-eight members. M. RAPHAEL FELIX engages to pay for the series of representations £4,000, besides all expenses of every description. The London *Athenæum* speaks as follows of SCHUBERT'S opera, "Die Verschworenen." (The Conspirators: "Whatever may be the precise position eventually assigned to FRANZ SCHUBERT, he will assuredly never obtain a foremost place as an operatic composer. A more complete failure, so far as regards the impression made on a mixed audience, than the recital of his operetta, 'The Conspirators,' at the Crystal Palace, on the 2d inst., has never taken place. The exodus of the listeners commenced before the middle portion of the work had been gone through, and no wonder; anything duller, or more puerile, or more insignificant and pointless, never emanated from the youngest student of an academy. And yet the libretto is of a nature which, in the hands of a MOZART or a CIMAROSA, would have been suggestive of vivacious themes, of melodious ideas, and of piquant orchestration. A double intrigue—in which wives combine to receive coldly their husbands returning from a campaign, and the husbands coalesce to retaliate upon their tormentors—has situations enough to inspire a composer, especially at the time of action is during the Crusades. The precise date of this weak effusion is uncertain—it may have been 1819 or 1823—and the question is immaterial. The Crystal Palace programme states that 'The Conspirators' had a brilliant success in Vienna, Munich, Paris, and other places. This is not correct. The history of the operetta, as of other works of SCHUBERT, is simple. Herr HERBECK, of Vienna, an enthusiastic admirer of SCHUBERT, has the credit of having made the attempt to raise the reputation which the composer enjoyed exclusively so long as a song-writer. The Lieder were the basis of his justly-acquired fame, and the brothers SCHNEIDER, the violinists, drew attention to his quartetes, at the suggestion of Herr HERBECK, one of the best conductors in Germany, if not the best. It was this eminent musician, now the director and conductor of the new Viennese opera-house, who first introduced 'Die Verschworenen' at a concert; but the success scared so little about the music that it was left to Frankfort to perform the operetta for the first time; it had there but a *succès d'estime*; and it certainly does not enjoy a permanent place in any repertoire in any continental town. Nor is it likely that an opera destitute of expression, passion and of dramatic effect, can have a place in any theatre, even with the adjunct of action and a *mise-en-scène*. It will not hold its ground even in the stronghold of the Schubertians, at Sydenham. In a comic opera we expect fancy, if not imagination—piquancy, if not profundity—and, above all, melody, and not monotony. SCHUBERT, as a composer for the stage, lacks the essential elements of varied expression, sustained cantilena and descriptive power."....Though Covent Garden Theatre will have the French diapason next season, the Exhibition pitch will be that of Stuttgart. The Philharmonic Society, the Sacred Harmonic Society, and Drury Lane (Italian Opera) will retain the old pitch. Of the new tenor who is to appear in London, who is named CAMPANINI, a letter from Rome says: "He has a most deliciously sweet quality of voice, precisely of the *timbre* of GIUGLINI (without being in the throat,) but more powerful; he sings with the utmost feeling, the tenderest delicacy, and most refined pathos, surpassing even those sweetest accents of poor GIUGLINI which charmed every one. With CAMPANINI, 'the gap' left by GIUGLINI and MARIO has, at length, been filled."

OFFENBACH'S LATEST WORK.

Writing from Vienna, on March 2, the correspondent of the London *Daily Telegraph* says: "The composer of the 'Grand Duchesse' is certainly a wonderful man, and so prolific a composer that he reminds one of Jack Bragg's father. 'When my father dropped a £1,000 note in the street, what do you think he did?' asked Jack. 'Picked it up again,' suggested Lord Tom. 'Not he! he went home and got another.' Now the composer who amused us all so much last night is much in the same case. When he has dropped an opera at one theatre he goes home 'and gets another.' He has just proved it. Not many days ago I described the success of 'Snow Ball' at the Karl Theatre, and now I have to record a still greater success in 'Fantasio,' at the Theatre an der Wien. I am not going to attempt to write of these two productions with any critical judgment or authority, and shall only say how they seemed to please very crowded houses and did please myself. 'Snow Ball' is better each time you hear it. Mlle. MILA RODER is gathering whole shrubs of laurels. There is the greatest difficulty in getting places, and wherever Mlle. RODER goes to sing it, the Ball will keep on rolling very profitably for all parties. The Theatre an der Wien is one of the largest and handsomest in Vienna, having space for 3,000 persons, as well as a very large stage. The boxes are excellent, though the stalls are 'rather a tight fit,' and the entrance, through a house and a stable-yard, a disgrace to any theatre. The effect inside is much more brilliant than in any other house here, as all the light is not concentrated on the stage. Last night, before the overture began, all the 3,000 places were occupied. The first thing which strikes you is that the Theatre an der Wien has the oldest drop-scene ever presented to the public eye. You make that remark, and are at once snubbed by a native, who tells you it is an institution, an historical curtain, it being the very one which was raised on the first scene of the 'Zauberflöte,' when it was first performed. That must be some ninety years ago. The plot of 'Fantasio; or, The Court Jester,' is taken from ALFRED DE MUSSET, and in honor of it OFFENBACH has written music much more serious than usual. The story is that a Duke of Florence and Sienna has a fair daughter—she was fair, and also more painted than I ever saw any one but a clown. She is openly wooed by *Ugolino*, Prince of Mantua, aged, ugly and a *dummkopf*, as he is politely told several times; while she is secretly adored by a student, *Fantasio*, who, as last night represented by Mme. GEISTINGER, wonderfully got up, is certainly a very good-looking fellow. The dresses she wore were simply splendid, and so were her jewels; but then they say she has got £40,000 worth of them. The four great favorites of the Viennese public—Mlle. KOCH, (*the Princess,*) Mme. GEISTINGER, (just mentioned,) SWOBODA, (*Ugolino,*) and FRIESE, (*Adjutant to Ugolino*)—are all in this opera. The orchestra, including a lady who plays the harp, is worthy of Vienna, and the scenery and dresses are splendid; so you see OFFENBACH has every chance. The only flaw I detected was in the pages and young cavaliers, considering their age and sex, they were plain to a fault. There is a pretty overture—indeed, I may say there are two, for there is another before the second act. The first act opens with a chorus of students; and then we have a balcony and serenade scene between the *Princess* and *Fantasio*, with some very pretty singing to a harp accompaniment. *Fantasio* is, at present, in the dress of a student, and looks very well in it in the electric light. Then the *Prince* and his *A. D. C.* come and tell us their plots to very pleasing melody—the singing as well as the acting of both FRIESE and SWOBODA being wonderfully good and droll. Their plan is to change dresses, and let the *A. D. C.* make love for the *Prince*—which leads to the *Prince's* being unpleasantly called bad names again, and also unpleasantly chaffed by students and other misconducted youths of the period. It turns out, however, that the *Prince of Mantua* is anxious, like rich men in old novels, 'not to be loved for his condition in life, but for himself alone;' so he puts on the *Adjutant's* uniform and looks after *Fantasio*. The *A. D. C.* with his own fine feathers. They make an exceedingly fine bird, as they always do, and *Marinone* (FRIESE) makes violent love to the *Princess*. At this time a great procession of fools, headed by *Fantasio*, arrives, and interferes with the love-making. However, the *A. D. C.* persists, and, as he is in the act of making a declaration in form, *Fool Fantasio* climbs up a tree behind him, and, pulling off his wig by means of his bell-bearing wand, reveals an elderly *A. D. C.* of—say—sixty-five. Great sensation, song, laughing and anger; and the curtain falls, only to rise on to find the wig-pulling practical joker in a dungeon, singing sleep on a very uncomfortable bench. The *Princess* comes. *Fantasio* puts on his proper dress, and goes off as jovial as the proverbial sand-boy. About this time the *Prince* thinks he should also like to resume his proper garments, and so he sings a song to his *A. D. C.* and *Adjutant*, which is the event of the evening. To begin with, it is very pretty music, very well sung, and admirably acted. The air is the one which will be whistled in streets, and which will 'perhaps arrive at the dignity of an organ'—in London, not here, for we have none; and the words are adapted to the day and the place. This refrain is a humble appeal. 'Give me my clothes.' In the opinion of *Ugolino*, Prince of Mantua, this appeal should have been always, and still is, the plaintive cry of all the world. Adam and Eve and Joseph might have sung it. Early civilization should have chorused it. Look at the glories of Rome and Athens. Should the figures not sing to the painters and sculptors, 'Give me my clothes!' Again, look at Titian; there should have been a *levée en masse* of the Venuses to sing, 'Give me my clothes!' Even Lady in View-na, at this day, exhibited a picture of the Aphrodite; and should not she sing the new refrain, "Give me my Clothes?" Clamors of applause and two or three encores acknowledged the taking peculiar properties of this cavatina. In the last scene there is precious music, but no especial air. The close is grand, and the students wish out a war to compel the *Princess* to marry the *Prince*; but *Fantasio* and his fools are several too many for them, so the 'non-contents' go into their gallery opposite the royal tribune, where all the Princes and Dukes are. There is then a long procession of fools, with a canopy in the middle, like a large shower-bath; and the *Princess* and the student are, under its shelter, made one, amid the blessings of the assembled Magistracy. This is 'Fantasio,' as it has been—so I hear—amended for Vienna; and I write under the impression that it has not been given in London. I see by a paper that it was played with no success a few times in Paris. All I can say is, that it is a great success here, and seems likely to continue one. The public seems, indeed, Offenbach-mad. For instance, two theatres are playing his operas every night, and you can hear—if you can get in—'Boule de Neige' and 'La Princesse de Trébizonde,' or 'La Princesse des Canaries,' in Paris every night. All the other theatres are also full—and, indeed, I think the Viennese are the play-goingest people I ever came across. They take, too, a lively interest in the performers when they are off the boards. I saw a striking instance of it in the Prater today. A very quietly-dressed lady got out of her brougham to take a walk. Two gentlemen stopped and said, 'There she is.' We then chanced to walk behind her for a quarter of a mile, the Prater being very crowded, and not one old woman, priest, girl, soldier, diplomatist, laborer, nurse or child who did not halt, stare at her and say, with a grin, 'There she goes.' We found that this victim of the 'monstrum horrendum' was Mme. GALLMEYER, the Déjazet of Vienna."

## NEW-YORK AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

The taxes paid into the Receiver's office during the past week amounted to $54,806 80.

Commissioner SHIELDS yesterday held JOHN T. MAGRATH in $1,000 bail for smuggling cigars into this port.

WILLIAM M. WALTERS was committed at Jefferson Market, yesterday, on a charge of brutally assaulting ANNIE MCCARTHY.

Yesterday, at about midday, at Mr. BARNUM'S Rink, a camel was born. At last accounts, mother and child were doing well.

A call has been issued for a meeting of the Colored Citizens' State Central Committee, to be held at Albany, on the evening of the 18th inst.

PATRICK W. MALONE, aged three years, fell out of a fifth-story window, at No. 336 First-avenue, yesterday afternoon, and was fatally injured.

The decomposed remains of an unknown man were found yesterday in the North River, off Pier No. 39, and were removed to the Morgue for identification.

At 10½ o'clock last night a fire occurred on the third floor of the five-story brick building No. 12 Ann-street, causing a damage to the amount of $1,500.

Work on the new Post-office building will be resumed on an extensive scale in a few days, and it is expected that the building will be inclosed before the Fall.

A grand concert for the benefit of the Baptist Home for the Aged, will be given at Adelphi Hall, Fifty-second-street and Broadway, on Tuesday evening next.

The imports of foreign dry goods for the past week amounted to $12,745,562, or next to the total of March 2, which was $14,000,713, the largest known in the commerce of the country.

JOHN MOORHEAD was yesterday committed in default of $10,000 bail for having counterfeit money in his possession. FRANK MURVEY was held in the sum of $5,000 for the same offense.

A. A. SCHILLER and F. C. KELLERMAN were yesterday charged before Commissioner SHIELDS with deserting from the German ship *Marina*. They were held to await the attendance of the Captain of the vessel.

Slight fires occurred, last evening, in the shoe-store of WM. LITTLE, No. 390 Bowery, and the lager-beer saloon of ADAM SAUTER, in the basement of No. 414 Sixth-street, resulting in $100 damage in each case.

The chemical section of the Lyceum of Natural History will hold a meeting at the rooms of the Society, No. 64 Madison-avenue, Monday evening. H. ENDEMANN, H. C. BOLTON, and I. WALZ will read papers.

The Staten Island ferry-boats were released by the Sheriff yesterday, the sureties on the bonds given by the Company to secure the judgments obtained against them on account of the *Westfield* explosion having justified.

The inquest in the case of the unknown man found murdered in the alley adjoining No. 81 Roosevelt-street, on Wednesday morning last, has been postponed indefinitely, to give the Police an opportunity to still further investigate the matter.

It was rumored on Wall-street, yesterday, that the Tenth National Bank being still $4,000,000 debtor at the Clearing-house, an investigation into its affairs had been ordered from Washington. The report could not be traced to any reliable source.

It was rumored about the City Hall yesterday that the notorious abortionist, LOOKUP EVANS, had been released on habeas corpus process, bail being fixed at $10,000. On inquiry at the District-Attorney's office, it was found that the report was false.

The Board of Police yesterday ordered charges to be preferred against fourteen Captains of Police and Capt. LEVIS, of the House of Detention, for having permitted unnecessary and wasteful use of gas in their Station-houses during the month of March last.

A boat of three-quarters of a ton burden, intended to cross the Atlantic, is building at Pier No. 27, East River, and is rapidly approaching completion. She is called the *Sea Bird*, and is schooner-rigged, twelve feet long, four feet beam, and seventeen inches deep.

Early yesterday morning JOS. SCHNEIDECK, of No. 184 Forsyth-street, was found at the corner of Bowery and Grand-street suffering from three stab-wounds, which he stated he had received during a fracas with some unknown person. His injuries are of a severe nature.

JOHN SCOTT, a colored steward on board the British ship, *Seneca R. Gibbon*, was brought before Commissioner SHIELDS yesterday, charged with having shot and wounded in the face JOHN MURPHY, a seaman, on the voyage from Queenstown to this port. SCOTT was held to await the action of the British Consul.

The Memorial Committee for making arrangements for decorating the graves of the Union dead on May 30 next, met at No. 17 Stuyvesant-street, yesterday, and effected a permanent organization by the election of JOSEPH C. PINCKNEY, Cameron Post No. 75, Chairman, and J. C. JULIUS LANGBEIN, Sedgwick Post No. 11, Secretary.

The third annual meeting of the Publishers' Board of Trade was held yesterday at the Grand Central Hotel, SMITH SHELDON in the chair. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year from July 1: HENRY IVISON, President; O. J. WILSON, Vice-President; J. C. BARNES, Secretary, and C. C. WOOLWORTH, Treasurer.

FREDERICK KESSLER, fifteen years of age, died suddenly of congestion of the brain on Friday. The attack was brought on by over exertion, he having run from his home, in Hester-street, to his place of business in Broadway. On reaching the store he was almost exhausted, and was seized with a rush of blood to the head. He died a few hours after.

The Spring book trade sale continued at Clinton Hall yesterday. The unfinished lots of BURLOCK & CO., consisting mainly of Bibles, prayer-books, &c., was taken up, and went off at indifferent prices. HURD & HOUGHTON'S contribution followed, and where disposed of. The catalogues of GEORGE GERRIS, of Philadelphia, and W. J. POOLEY closed the sales for the day.

FRANCES MCCARTHY had ANTONIO FERNANDEZ arrested for breach of promise of marriage. He was brought up at the Tombs yesterday and given the alternative of making good his promise or going to prison. He asked three weeks for consideration, but the girl was fearful lest he should run away, and declined the request. ANTONIO thereupon closed with the offer, and the marriage was celebrated by Father CURRAN.

The Committee of thirteen appointed at the last meeting of the Tammany Society to prepare a ticket of nominees for a Board of Sachems, Sagomare, Wauiekee and Secretary for the ensuing year, to be voted for at the annual meeting on the third Monday of this month, held a meeting at Tammany Hall last evening, and united on a ticket which, they state, will unite conflicting interests. The meeting was strictly private, and the Committee refused to give any of the names.

In reply to numerous inquiries as to the rates of postage on letters and papers for France, we print the information appended: By the French steamers, letters weighing one-third of an ounce, must bear a ten-cent stamp, and ten cents are afterward collected from the receipient. Newspapers must bear a two-cent stamp. By way of England all letters intended to be sent thus, must be marked "via England;" prepayment is optional. To prepay letters of a third of an ounce in weight, a ten-cent stamp is required; on a letter weighing half an ounce, sixteen cents in stamps must be placed; a twenty-cent stamp and twenty-six cents in stamps, are needed to prepay letters weighing respectively two-thirds of an ounce and one ounce. If the letters via England are not prepaid, twenty-four sous for each third of an ounce in weight will be collected from the recipient.

BROOKLYN.

Commissioner DOUGLASS, of the Internal Revenue Department, has written a letter of thanks to Assessor JOURDAN for the efficient manner in which he has put an end to the illicit whisky traffic in Brooklyn, and requesting him to tender the Commissioners' thanks to the Police Department for its co-operation.

The amount received for taxes during the past week was $120,662.

The Chief of Police has forbidden kite-flying and ball-playing in the streets.

Justice DELMAR yesterday held Mrs. FIDELIA B. MANNING, charged with attempting, last Monday, to shoot her husband, to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The Japanese Embassy visited the Brooklyn Navy-yard yesterday afternoon, and were shown about the premises under the instructions of Rear-Admiral M. SMITH.

Assessor JOURDAN has entered a complaint with the United States District-Attorney against the gas companies of Brooklyn for issuing deposit-receipts for money paid by consumers for meters without stamping them according to law. The penalty for each violation of the law is $50.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. HENRY B. SCHOLES, of Williamsburg, when a few blocks from the First National Bank, in that place, was assaulted by three men and robbed of $650 which he had just drawn from the bank. One them was arrested, and gave his name is JOHN DAVIS, of Orchard-street, New-York.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

The April term of the County Court and Court of Sessions for Westchester County will commence at the Court-house, White Plains, on Monday morning next.

The new iron bridge over Westchester Creek, just south of the village, is now a complete wreck, and the material of the west-side abutment has slid into the river, completely obstructing navigation.

Coroner WEEKS held an inquest at West Chester, on Friday, on the body of MICHAEL LEWIS, who was drowned in the creek, Wednesday night. It is supposed he walked off the road into the water, near the new bridge, there being no wall or other protection against such an accident. The jury, while finding a verdict of accidental death, severely censured the town authorities for their negligence.

LONG ISLAND.

The steam-mill at Mill Creek, near Greenport, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night. Loss about $8,000.

The town election in Shelter Island resulted in the success of the ticket headed by Capt. C. CARTRIGHT, Republican.

At the annual Easter election of Grace Church, Jamaica, the following gentlemen were elected: Wardens—William J. Cogswell, James J. Brenton. Vestrymen—Alexander Hagner, Jeremiah Valentine, Samuel S. Aymar, Stephen Vanderveer, William J. Sayres, Martin G. Johnson, James L. Denton.

STATEN ISLAND.

The teachers of the public schools in Edgewater were paid their salaries yesterday for the first time in five months.

Police Justice KILPATRICK was arrested yesterday on a charge of false pretenses, and held by Judge METCALF, of Richmond, in $500 bail to appear for trial.

NEW JERSEY.

JOHN BRINST, the present Mayor of Trenton, has been renominated as the Democratic candidate for that office.

There were 111 cases of small-pox, and twenty-three deaths from the disease, reported to the Newark Board of Health during the month of March.

On Friday evening the coal-boat *Marion*, lying at the Fourteenth-street dock, Jersey City, was discovered to be on fire, and was damaged to the extent of $300.

The depot of the Morris and Essex Railroad Company at Hackettstown was entered by burglars on Friday night. The depot fruit-stand was robbed of $90 in money.

Yesterday afternoon, an old soldier, recently discharged from the service, named ABRAM BUNN, committed suicide in Lounsville, by blowing his brains out.

More families are moving to New-Jersey this season than ever. Rents are down low, and elegant houses can be rented at $1,200 per annum and smaller ones at from $300 to $1,000.

A jury, consisting of six whites and six negroes, was impaneled in Jersey City yesterday, in a case wherein a negro brought suit to recover wages from a white man.

The Jersey City Treasurer reports a balance in bank to the credit of the city of $265,-010 46, and all the bonds heretofore held by the banks as securities for loans have been redeemed.

ADOLPH VOTH, a lad ten years of age, was seriously injured on Friday evening by falling against the iron steps of car No. 63 of the Oakland-avenue line, at the corner of Webster-avenue.

Mr. SAMUEL WEBB, who became bondsman for FORDNICK E. ROWALD, the defaulting City Clerk of Hoboken, yesterday surrendered ROWALD on his bond. ROWALD secured other bail in the sum of $5,000.

Three cases of spotted fever, one of which was fatal, were yesterday reported in Newark. Cases are also reported in Linden and surrounding villages, and physicians are afraid that the disease is assuming an epidemic form.

RICHARD MCMULLEN died yesterday at New-Brunswick from injuries received on Monday by a fall from his carriage. He was driving on Washington-street, when he was thrown backward from his buggy by the starting of his horse, and fractured his skull.

JOHN LIEBEL, the Newark brewer, who was arrested last week on a charge of insufficiently stamping the barrels and kegs used for beer, was yesterday before Commissioner HOFFMAN, of Hoboken, for examination. He is held in $5,000 bonds to answer the charge.

The Republicans of the Third District of Jersey City have nominated Ex-Alderman J. W. PANGBORN for member of the Board of Education. This is a good nomination, and Mr PANGBORN ought to be elected. His record as Alderman and Police Commissioner is untarnished and will no doubt contribute largely to his prospect of success next Tuesday.

At the Easter election of Christ Church, Hackensack, the following gentlemen were elected: Wardens—L. J. Van Boskerck and Samuel Munn. Vestrymen—Leverett H. Sage, Henry F. Kent, James H. Beatty, Charles H. Voorhis, George Achenbach, James S. Wells, Reuben S. Blossom and Robert W. Berry.

A German named SHULTZ, an upholsterer, was found lying on the railroad track at Ranway, N. J., after the 6½ train from Philadelphia had passed, last evening. He died a few minutes after he was found. It is supposed that he took passage on the train at New-Brunswick, and, from injuries found on his body, it is judged that he fell or jumped from the train as it passed. He leaves a family in Rahway.

ABRAHAM S. HAVENS, a well-known citizen of Trenton, on Friday afternoon, while laboring under an attack of congestion of the brain, went out, evading the efforts of his wife to detain him. His body was found subsequently in the Perry-street canal basin, at a short distance from his residence. It is supposed that while laboring under delirium he either fell or jumped into the canal and was drowned.

**Railroad Accidents.**

On Thursday evening the locomotive of a freight train on the Cape May and Philadelphia Railroad exploded while standing on the track at Glossboro. The engineer of the train, ISAAC FIDDLER, was buried a distance of sixty feet, and it is feared injured beyond hope of recovery. The cause of the explosion is not known.

An old lady, the wife of GEORGE BACHE, a resident of Spottswood, Middlesex County, was killed near Old Bridge, yesterday morning, while walking on the railroad track. She had taken the track road in order to walk to Old Bridge, and was so deaf as to be unable to hear the whistle, which was blown repeatedly.

**Central Park Meteorological Department.**

Abstract of report for the week ending at 2 P. M., April 6, 1872: Barometer—Mean, 29.920 inches; maximum, at 9 A. M., April 5, 30.185 inches; minimum, at 4 P. M., March 31, 29.360 inches; range, .825 inch. Thermometer—Mean, 41.4°; maximum, at 2 P. M., April 6, 58°; minimum, at 5 A. M., April 5, 31°; range, 27°. Remarks—March 30, rain from 7½ P. M. to 9½ P. M.; amount of water, .01 inch; March 31, rain from 3 A. M. to 10½ P. M.; amount of water, 1.37 inches. Total amount of water for the week, 1.38 inches. Distance traveled by the wind during the week, 1,725 miles.

**Pour le Patrie.**

A French lecture, delivered under the auspices of the French Ladies' Union, by Prof. AUBERT, at Chickering Hall, last evening, attracted a large audience of French residents. The subject of the lecturer's discourse was entitled "Patrie." In referring to points most painful to patriotic Frenchmen, the publication of French territory, the lecturer treated this question from a historical point of view, tending to refute the arguments of the Germans concerning the claims of Germany to Elsass and Lorraine. The proceeds of the lecture will go to the fund for the payment of the French war indemnity.

**Personal.**

Sir Alexander Duff Gordon, of London, is at the Hoffman House. Gov. Bradley, of Nevada; Hon. E. H. Rollins, of New-Hampshire; Hon. Freeman Clark, of Rochester, and Hon. S. W. Kellogg, of Connecticut, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Senator J. M. Thayer, of Nebraska; Ex-Mayor W. G. Fargo, of Buffalo; Gen. Hoffman, of the United States Army, and Gen. Judson Kilpatrick, of New-Jersey, are at the Astor House. Chief Justice S. R. Church, of Albany; Lieut.-Gov. Allen C. Beach, of Watertown; Congressman Charles Foster, of Wisconsin, and Hon. M. F. Hall, of Missouri, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Ex-Congressman John Wells, of Johnstown; Hon. George West, of Balston, and Col. J. C. Burch, of Tennessee, are at the Grand Central Hotel. Sheriff Wm. Spears, of Ingham County, Michigan, is at the St. Denis Hotel. Judge Brandt, of Delaware; Col. W. F. Browning, of Ontario, and Fey Riviere, of France, are at the New-York Hotel. Commander James H. Gillies, of the United States Navy, is at the Grand Hotel. Col. C. L. Best, of the United States Army, and Hon. C. Barnard, of London, are at the Gleuham Hotel. Judge Robert Cochrane, of White Plains, is at the Stuyvesant House.

**Bankrupt Business.**

During the week ending Saturday EDMUND C. MARSHALL filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy; DANIEL G. BROWN, DAVID SLOSS, Jr., the New-York and Boston Express Company, EDGAR ELTING, GILBAD A. SMITH, Jr., ISAIAH S. FERRIS and FLORENCE MAHONEY were adjudicated involuntary bankrupts, and JOHN MCNIEL, GURDON CORNELING, Jr., REUBEN ISDELL and SOLOMON EINMANEKE received discharges in bankruptcy.

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*In steam-ship Baltic, for Liverpool.*—N. Nabeshima, Y. Hyakutake, A. Samaka, E. Kataki, S. Yamakaski, Nukashima, W. Chimura, Lowell Mason, Jr., Mrs. L. Mason, Jr., Miss Lucy C. Whiting, O. C. Dewey, Mrs. O. C. Dewey, Mrs. Rose, Master Dewey, child and nurse, J. Robertson, Mrs. J. Robertson, Mrs. Brown, servant and child, A. D. Munson, Mrs. A. D. Munson, Alice D. Munson, W. W. Law, T. C. Stone, Mrs. Medina, Mrs. Wescott and child, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. Augusta Tobbins, Mrs. Judge Whitman, Prof. Vaillant, Mrs. Vaillant, Mr. Lafaucit, Mrs. Lafaucit and child, W. J. Bacon, Frank Speaks, C. W. Bates, Rev. G. J. Mingins, Thos. Cushing, Wm. Cushing, S. W. Bradshaw, Noah

## JAMAICA JOTTINGS.

**The Voyage From New-York—The Topography of the Island—Hotel Life—Interesting Gossip.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Saturday, March 16, 1872.

The voyage to this place from New-York is usually made in seven days, and, in Winter, the gradual transition from the icy winds of the North to the soft clime and balmy breezes of these tropical regions, is very agreeable and well calculated to awaken rosy anticipations—anticipations, I regret to say, that are not, as will be seen, always realized.

The island of Jamaica lies between 17° 39', and 18° 30' north latitude, and between 76° 9', and 78° 24', west longitude. It contains about 64,000 square miles of territory, or over 4,000,000 acres. A range of mountains runs from east to west, occasionally rising to a considerable height, especially near the east end where the Blue Mountain Peak is found to be 7,600 feet above the level of the sea. On the north side the land rises into hills, often of remarkable beauty, and commonly separated by romantic looking rivulets. On the south the face of the country is more irregular and craggy, and several ridges are formed of less elevation, but running nearly parallel to the principal range. Much of the soil, especially in the higher mountains, is unfit for cultivation, and probably not more than one-half of the land has, as yet, been granted to individuals. The geological formation of the rock throughout the island is a white limestone.

In the mountains the temperature varies according to elevation and exposure; the meridian sun is everywhere felt to be oppressive by those who have not been long exposed to its influence. St. Jago de la Vega, or Spanish Town, is the seat of Government, but Kingston is the principal commercial city. It is here that commerce of the Island is centered, and from its geographical position and spacious natural harbor, it offers a convenient port of call to the many lines of steam-ships now trading in these waters. Fresh water, provisions, vegetables, coal and other necessary articles for steam and sailing vessels can be here procured.

The principal exports are sugar, rum, coffee, pimento, ginger, arrowroot, logwood, fustic, ebony, lignum-vitæ, satin-wood and cocoanuts. Cotton and indigo were largely exported, but they have long since ceased to be cultivated. The island abounds with every variety of tropical fruits, which are obtained in the greatest profusion and without cultivation. The total white population of Jamaica is only 14,000; mulattoes, 81,000, and negroes, 346,000, so that the ruling class is a very small minority.

Kingston is an old dilapidated-looking place where you find no comforts for your money. The only good hotel is the Clarendon, where they charge two dollars per day, but you have no carpets on the floor, high awkward bedsteads to climb into, plenty of fleas and mosquitoes, and, worst of all, an enormous army of certain brown, elliptically-shaped insects of blood sucking propensities, classed by naturalists as *cimex lactularius*, but known to many a martyr by a more alliterative if less classical cognomen; these are everywhere, and at all times ready to welcome a stranger. Everything is dirty and full of dust; the streets are narrow, unpaved, and the prevailing winds keep up a constant cloud of dust day and night. There are no public lights on the streets, and these latter are never sprinkled. Kerosene oil and candles are universally used. Living, as far as meats and vegetables are concerned, is very reasonable. Dry-goods are high in some cases higher than in the States. Furniture is very dear, and you don't see an American bedstead anywhere. No cooking stoves in the kitchen; they generally stick three pieces of iron in the ground to support the kettle, and cook their meals in that way, from the richest Jew to the poorest Negro. The houses are built of brick and wood, with shingled roofs, older than Noah's ark, and looking gloomy enough. Sometimes you see the cactus, and other plants, growing luxuriantly on the tops of the houses. The drug stores are dirty holes where everything is sold, even sardines and toys. Groceries and rum shops are filthy beyond description; everything is behind the age. A new comer is painfully impressed with the general torpor. Any one would have thought that from its connection with England the island would have some signs of progress, but it is not so. Cuba, under the despotic rule of Spain, is far ahead of Jamaica under England. There is perfect security for life and property, and though traveling is expensive, the roads are excellent all over the island.

The only railroad is from Kingston to Old Harbor, a distance of twenty-six miles, running three trains a day. These are laughable concerns—old English railway-carriages, with small, old-fashioned locomotives. Sometimes they take an hour to go thirteen miles—this being the distance to Spanish Town. No comforts of any kind, the rickety old cars are dirty, full of dust, and make more noise than all the trains together on the Erie Road. They have first, second and third class passenger-cars, and the freight-cars are uncovered.

In regard to health, Kingston is not the best place for consumptives; the prevailing diseases are yellow fever—during May, June, July, August and September—leprosy, and all sorts of diseases of the skin, some cases of typhus, chills and congestive, not as an epidemic, but sporadic. Cancer in the breast and diseases of the eye are frequent, the latter caused by the sun and dust. There is only one homeopathic physician here, Dr. NAVARRO, a Cuban, who graduated in New-York. He is doing well, but the Jamaica doctors are at open war with him. About these same doctors, they are ready to kill without hesitation, and never by any chance call on a sick person unless the visit is paid for in advance; no matter whether the patient be in a dying condition or not. There is no medical college and only a Board of three doctors to examine disciples of Galen who wish to follow in the allopathic wake, and the Board stands sadly in need of a little medical knowledge itself.

The weather is very hot, the thermometer varying from 70° to 88° in the room as this season of the year. They say that in July and August it is scorching not, but to this date, March, the evenings and nights have been pleasantly cool. I took a trip of six days into the interior and along the northern coast, and found a very rich soil specially adapted for coffee. The sugar cane grows well here, but does not yield as largely as in Cuba. The northern coast is beautiful and pleasanter than the southern; plenty of rich soil everywhere near the coast, splendid cattle farms and very fine fat cattle. But the moment you leave Kingston you can easily count the number of white faces you meet. They are at a premium. Scarce anything but negroes and mulattoes wherever you go. They talk a peculiar kind of patois which no one can understand but themselves.

It is better in all business transactions to have it down in black and white, for they "go back" on their word here to a frightful extent. However, after a written agreement is entered into, you can push things before any Court and compel a fulfillment. Perhaps it is climatic, but the people are lazy; the negroes work when and how they please, and are very unreliable. Servants are cheap, only a dollar a week and board themselves, but then it takes three of them to do the work of one good northern servant.

On account of the recent emigration from Cuba, houses to let are not so numerous as formerly. They rent from $25 to $60 per month, with or without furniture. All have recessed verandahs, front and rear, which render them cooler.

Any party blessed with a good appetite had better give this place a wide berth, for, with the exception of a cup of coffee at 7 A. M., only two meals a day are served; breakfast at 10 A. M., and dinner at 5 or 6 in the evening. It may be all right, but my sympathies are with Oliver Twist, who asked the old beadle for more. Butter is not used at the table as in the States, and what there is of it is very rancid. Cow's milk sells at twelve and a half cents a quart, but a good cow never gives more than four quarts of milk a day. Ice is cheap, as two cents per pound.

It seems strange that refined sugar should be imported from England, but such is the fact, and it sells for twenty-five cents per pound. They don't refine here—don't know how; and everything connected with the production of sugar is in a muddled condition. Man's ideas are comparatively cheap; good guitars, double reed, for $8; umbrellas, of French silk, $9 each. The mechanics, however, as a general rule, are poor and unskilful, their work being clumsy and without taste. In bringing out any but large sums of money it is best to purchase American checks, as they command a premium of two shillings and sixpence (British) each.

We have communication with New-York twice a month, namely, once by the regular steamer, which leaves there the 15th of each month, and again by the steamer that leaves for St. Thomas and Brazil on the 23d of each month. The Royal Mail Packet between St. Thomas and Aspinwall brings our mail.

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## GREAT GASOMETERS.

**The Huge Gas-Holders of England and America—Interesting Facts and Figures.**

It does not necessarily follow that where there is the most gas, there must also exist the greatest quantity of light; and it is to be regretted that statistics show so large a proportion of instances where gas-holders, inexhaustible in their respective capacities, afford an article that possesses the very reverse of illuminating qualities. These latter are perambulating gas-holders, generous in their effusions, but as mystifying in their effects as a London fog. Congress, Legislatures, the hustings, and even Courts of justice, are sadly plagued with them. But the gas-holders to be treated of here come under a different category, and may be distinguished from the list of perambulating gas-holders by the label "useful articles." They are clad with iron instead of adipose, and beside that, they are always found right in their proper place, and do their work silently—great slow-breathing monsters, guiltless of obtrusive, whose purified exhalations cheer up many a home-circle and light the path of the late wayfarer. Everybody in these modern days, living within the pale of civilization, knows what is meant by a gas-holder, frequently called gasometers, because they formerly also measured the gas—an office now performed by seperate meters. Of late years, either from a spirit of emulation or from local necessities, some of these holders are made enormous in their dimensions. To the unlistoned ear they present the appearance, when fully distended, of circular castles or forts, without port-holes, embrasures or sally ports, or to the less military mind they might present sections of two enormous boilers, one sliding within the other, and set vertically in a big round tank sunk in the ground. This tank contains sufficient water to prevent the gas from escaping under the edge of the holder. When so extracted, the sections slide one within the other, like a telescope when shut up, and the whole affair sits down in the tank so that the top is nearly on a level with the surface of the ground. As the gas is let in and the pressure increases, the huge iron cylinders rise up and the inner one slides up until the holder is fully extended. These are called telescopic holders. Some are made with only a single section, or "single lift," as it is called. The average dimensions of holders approximate seventy feet in diameter, with a height of about 30 feet, and a capacity of less than 130,000 cubic feet. The largest gas-holder in the world previous to 1867 was the property of the Imperial Gas-Light Company, at Pond Bronze Station, in the suburbs of Philadelphia. It is a telescope with two lifts, having a diameter of 180 feet and height of 95 feet, or nearly the height of the three-lift holder of the City of London Gas-works, the highest in London. The diameter of the tank is always some 2 feet greater than that of the holder, and the height given is exclusive of the columns that support it, which are a little higher still. Its entire capacity is or was intended to be 2,000,000 cubic feet, but it has proved a failure as a large holder, as the strength of the tank is not sufficient to stand the pressure of 2,000,000 of cubic feet of gas and only one lift is used—the top lift not working—consequently it is, to all intents and purposes, but a single-lift holder, with a capacity of less than 1,000,000 cubic feet. The Point Breeze tank is an expensive structure—the tank being laid in brick and cement, and to insure the holder massive buttresses being erected on the outside.

In 1865, the collective capacity of gas-holders in London was about 36,000,000 cubic feet, equal to the contents of a single holder 300 feet diameter and 70 feet high, or to sixteen holders, 200 feet diameter and 70 feet high, or to sixty-four holders 100 feet diameter and 70 feet high. There were then thirteen companies in London employing £5,802,900 capital. The share capital drawing dividends was £4,495,281; total profits for the year exclusive of interest paid, £410,697; gas rentals, £1,411,788; sale of residual products, £241,061; costs of coal for the year, £726,851; cost of manufacture and management, £573,000. The price per ton of coal for making gas, in 1865, in London, varied from 17s. 3d. to 34s.; the number of tons carbonized was 882,770, and the proceeds of gas at 9,200 cubic feet per ton of coal, was 8,121,484,000 cubic feet. The Imperial Gas-light Company of London then took, as it now takes, the lead in large gas-holders. In 1857 this Company built their great holder at Hackney Road Station, which is 201 feet diameter of the lower lift, and 199 feet 6 inches in diameter of the upper lift. It goes out 80 feet, and holds about 2,500,000 cubic feet of gas. The same Company also had then a double-lift or telescopic holder, previously in use, 142 feet in diameter and 56 feet high, and among their smaller holders was one 100 feet in diameter. Since then they have constructed one 230 feet in diameter—the largest in the world—having a capacity of 3,000,000 cubic feet. The third holder in size, in London, belongs to the Phœnix Company. It is dimensions are 200 feet diameter, 70 feet high, and capacity 1,540,000 cubic feet. It was built in 1865. The city gas-works of London has one of three lifts, each 23 feet 6 inches high, or 97 feet 6 inches in all, the bottom lift being 93 feet in diameter, and the height of columns 108 feet; total capacity, 480,000 cubic feet. Liverpool comes next among the large holders, that of the Liverpool gas-works being nearly equal in capacity, if not quite equal, to that of the Imperial Company. The original design was that it should be 220 feet in diameter, 70 feet high, with a capacity of 2,100,000 cubic feet, which would have placed it at the very head of the list.

Dublin also looms up in this respect. The Consolidated Alliance and Dublin Consumers' Gas-light Company has in the course of construction a holder 184 feet diameter, 86 feet high, with a capacity of 1,400,000 cubic feet, being a three-lift holder. It will cost—that is the holder alone, independently of the tank and piping—$18,600. The same works have also two others in use, respectively 120 and 130 feet in diameter and 50 feet high, the capacity of both together being 1,500,000 cubic feet.

Coming back to our own country, we find that New-York now takes the lead in large gas-holders, measuring by capacity in precious fluid. The largest holder thus estimated on this Continent belongs to the New-York Gas-light Company, and is situated on the block bounded by Avenue A and First-avenue, and Twentieth and Twenty-first streets. Its dimensions are as follows: Diameter of tank at base of brick work, 171 feet; diameter of holder, 168; height of holder above the level of the curbing, 70 feet. It is supported by sixteen wrought-iron cylinder columns, 72 feet high, 3 feet in diameter at the base. The capacity of the holder is 1,500,000 cubic feet. Had the Point Breeze holder in Philadelphia proved a success it would exceed this by about 500,000 cubic feet, but to all practical purposes the New-York tank is greatly the superior. It is hardly correct to speak of its forms supported by sixteen columns; they simply form what is called the guide frame. The holder, unlike most others, has no counter-weights, but works on the principle of pressure alone, that is to say, the sections (being telescopic) are lifted up by the pressure of the gas within, and this pressure may be regulated according to the requirements. It is made of three plates three-eighths of an inch thick, closely riveted together. It was twenty-three months in being constructed, and has been in operation about two years. It holds gas sufficient to supply the entire district of the Company, at the present season of the year, sixteen hours. The cost of the iron holder, independent of the tank, was $350,000, and the tank alone, being built in quicksands, cost about $200,000. Where this holder now stands, twenty-four years ago was a fishing-ground for eels and clams, and at the corner of Twenty-first-street and Avenue A was a marsh. Since then the City has gradually encroached upon East River, through the agency of the dumping-cart, until now the old eel and clam fishery is away inland, and densely populated blocks and smoking furnaces, and the hum of business and labor, almost obliterate the very recollection of those primeval things.

Quite another scene have called forth "a suburb of Green-Wood Cemetery," "Little Pendleton," and the like, but Brooklyn has some very respectable gas-holders, without any pretensions to her gentility. There is one 150 feet in diameter, and the Nassau Company has one 130 feet in course of construction 100½ feet in diameter.

The amount of gas consumed annually in the City of New-York, is not far from 3,000,000,000 cubic feet. The number of tons of coal annually carbonized, is something over 300,000. The amount of coke produced per ton of coal, 20 cwts., the loss by leakage and condensation, which is about ten or twelve per cents, is stated as about 2,000 cubic feet. American coal is chiefly used now, and it is said to be superior to the best English coal for producing illuminating gases, both in respect of quantity and quality. The estimate of gas per ton of coal in England, is 9,360 feet, but their waste account is, owing to local causes, insignificant compared to ours.

The subject of gas, however, though germain to that of gas-holders, is outside of the scope of this article, and will be pursued no further in this connection.

## THE MEDICINE OF THE MIND.

**The Reading-Room of the Cooper Institute—Impressions of a Casual Visitor—Free Literature for the Masses—A Home for the Homeless.**

When some Grecian sage in the brain of PTOLEMY inscribed over the portals of the Alexandrian Library the words "Medicine for the mind," he sound hardly have known how great a train he had evolved. For in those remote days, that shine upon us with a lustre that is half fallacious, the number of persons to whom such medicine was efficacious was, indeed, most limited. It is difficult to realize how completely the empire were then in the ascendent, and how absolutely dormant were the minds of all save a very few. It is a safe assertion that ninety-nine out of every hundred persons who passed that famous library in Egypt were quite obtuse to the meaning of the Greek phrase that in fair gilded letters met their eyes. It was not alone that few could read, for it is very possible that so much of education as is comprised by reading and writing was more general than we may have imagined. But the whole scope and tendency of life in that era was animal. The nervous system was in the background and the muscular in the advance. The life of those days was no purely a gratification of the animal part of man, that all the glorious works of art, the sculpture and the painting, the statues of PRAXITELES and of PHIDIAS, the pictures of ZEUXIS and APELLES, sprang from an animal conception of beauty, and were therefore purely objective. In such a time, and to the men of such an epoch, books could neither have been comforters nor heaters. They could have stilled no pangs and cured no malady. For the most part they must have partaken of the qualities of Ptolemean or Athenian art, and the residuum which attained a higher level was small indeed. The great charm of books in the extreme past must have been their rarity, and the great inducement to read must have been a curiosity, not so much about the subject as about the book itself.

But if ever there was a library over whose doors the inscription of the Alexandrian Library could be written with perfect justice, it is that of the Cooper Institute. The reading-room in that buildings has been a priceless solace to many an aching heart. When good old PETER pianned his noble gift he doubtless had in his mind some of the visitors who would benefit by his reading-room and library. He comprehended the position that the Press was to take, and he realized the inestimable advantages that would spring from a free reading-room, where all the papers that the world of civilization produces that are really valuable should be on file. He foresaw the young fellows from the country determined upon City life coming easerly every morning to study the columns of advertisements. He foresaw the old people of limited means, with no occupation, and comfortless homes, taking their seats at his well-filled literary table, and passing their days in a pleasant and profitable manner. He foresaw the country farmer coming to town on business, dropping in as a matter of course, and wondering where on earth so many papers could come from. But it is doubtful if, in the pleasant reveries in which he looked forward into the future when he was planning his Institute, he ever thought of those to whom the reading-room has been the greatest comfort. Could he see the blank faces of those, on the rare occasions when the room is closed, he would know how great a blessing his gift has been to them. It is the homeless, the starving, educated wretch, who, after passing the night in a Station-house by the contemptuous pity of the Police, after waiting for long hours through the cold, wet mornings, blue with exposure, and faint with hunger, hears the opening of the reading-room door with unconcealed rapture. The visitor who will enter the place early in the morning, a little after 8 o'clock, will see many of these forlorn beings. The room is warm and well lighted, and the mere exchange from the dull, dirty, cold street is itself a luxury. Then there are seats, comfortable chairs, in which the wearied homeless one can expatiate, and this is no small boon to the man who has the choice either of walking all day or of sitting in one of the Parks on the iron benches. Those who have always had a home can form no conception of what it is to be without one, especially in a great city where almost every spot belongs to some one, and is guarded by a jealous eye. The unfortunate being who from some combination of circumstances finds himself in the streets without a cent, without a home and without a friend, if he is uneducated, goes immediately to the Police, who hand him over to the Commissioners of Charity and Correction, who send him to the Island. But if he is an educated man he goes immediately to the Cooper Institute, and takes possession. It becomes his home for the time being. He passes his day there from 8 o'clock in the morning until ten at night. Then he walks the street until after midnight, and when his sufferings have brought down his pride he creeps into some Station-house and murmurs out a faint request to be allowed to warm himself by the stove. The policemen, who as a rule are very kind-hearted men, know what he means and let him stay there all night, dosing uneasily in a high-backed chair. At sunrise he is out in the street again, walking until his home in the Cooper Institute is ready to receive him. In his perquisitions he picks up the scraps of bread, slices of toast and stale biscuits which compassionate servants put outside the area in the expectation that some poor wretch may take it. These he hides away in the pockets of his worn, greasy, stained, torn, buttonless garment, which was once a handsome frock coat of broadcloth. At 8 o'clock he goes to his home, his own home, thanks to PETER COOPER'S big heart, where none can terrify him or make him ashamed. As a general rule the daily papers have but a medium attraction for him. They are, especially in the early morning, surrounded by eager, pushing, energetic young men, chiefly from the country, who monopolize them. Five or six of these will take possession of a paper and go steadily through the columns of advertisements, jotting down favorable items on envelopes and backs of letters. These young men are polite enough and patient enough, but somehow the homeless one does not care to mingle with them. They are untried, and will probably be successful; he, on the contrary, has been tried and has proved a failure. And so he shrinks from them, though they would undoubtedly be as courteous to him as they are to each other. For the Americans are instinctively polite, with a politeness that springs straight from the heart. But there are occasionally among those who crowd around the daily papers, young foreigners who do not display the same innate refinement of feeling, who are rough and boorish, who take a whole paper to themselves, sprawling their arms over it and assuming unskilled eyes by following the words with dirty fore-fingers surmounted by grimy nails. It may be that the homeless one shrinks from contact with such as these. But from whatever motive, it is a fact that he does not attempt to go near the daily papers in the morning. He devotes himself to the periodicals and the illustrated papers, or perhaps he asks for a book. The ladies who superintend this room are extremely gentle with him, and reply with expressive politeness to his requests. Then when he gets a really good book all the pangs of hunger, all the cold, the weariness, the shame of poverty, and the degradation of being homeless are forgotten. The eyes that were wolfish with hunger, soften and beam with pleasure. The cheeks, pale with privation, become flushed, the medicine of the mind is doing its work. The book is the *heaven's medicinah* of the poor wretch who is kept from absolute starvation only by the crusts picked up in the streets. He forgets that his coat is a mass of rags, that his face is a mask of misery, and that there is no future before him that he can discern. He is up and away in the company of some enchanter. He is searching for planets with LEVERRIER, investigating earthquakes with HUMBOLDT, or pursuing the mazes of gothic art with RUSKIN. What to him is famine and poverty, the proud man's scorn, or the rich man's contumely? His body is forgotten. The potent medicine has for the time annihilated the wretched thing, and he lives only in his mind.

Viewed externally, the men of this class present some indecorous features, which make us smile, though we cannot but sympathize with them. There are some who are really worthless, and on whom the authorities look with an eye of suspicion. These men dare not request permission to sleep in the Station-house for fear of possible results, and have shifted during the night in ways known only to themselves. They have not shifted very successfully, for hardly have they settled themselves in their chairs in front of a magazine before they begin to nod. Now, sleeping in the reading-room is one of those offenses which the ladies in charge will not pardon, and they have policemen in the room, who immediately arouse them with a gruff, "Come, now, none of that." The culprits stiffen themselves up with a galvanic effort at concentrating their faculties, which proves sufficient for about ten minutes, when the wearied system gives way again. The head falls forward upon the breast, and the policeman inexorable as RHADAMANTHUS, gives another twitch of the elbow. "Come now, this won't do." A third relapse proves fatal, and the offenders are escorted to the door to finish their nap elsewhere. Eating is also another offense, but this is winked at in a measure. A sharp eye cannot fail to detect culprits who, while their eyes are busily engaged upon some newspaper, are eating a furtive lunch. The hand conveys pinches of food from the pocket to the mouth in a surreptitious manner, which adds greatly to the flavor of the meal. After each mouthful there is a long pause, and a wary look from the corner of the eye to see if the attention of the officials has been aroused. After all has been consumed, the fumbler with a sigh and *slurp* sir, disappears outside to get a draught of water from the filter in the corridor, and then returns beaming with satisfaction.

The homeless ones are a study. Some of them deserve to be homeless. There is that written on their countenances which tells of dissipation, and, perhaps, worse. And there are others who seem to have been stamped by a succession of misfortunes, and whose energies have abandoned them. They have a meek, submissive, resigned look, which is annoying to the healthfully energetic to witness. It is so hard to put ourselves in the place of others and truely sympathize with them. That well-to-do lookers-on, when they see such men, become angry, and cry out, "Why don't they do something!" Perhaps they will when the stupor of misfortune has passed away, and their elasticity of mind returns. In the meantime, the books and magazines are the best medicine to restore the normal activity to their nervous systems. Occasionally, however, there are men who, without being dissipated or vicious, have so much perversity, and so much false pride, that nothing can be done with them. They will persist in rubbing their heads against stone walls, and will not be taught by any one. With fatuous self-possession they walk industry they will not enter in at the gate, but expect the whole wall to tumble down before them like Jericho of old before the trumpets of God. Because it does not come down they try to knock it down with their heads with one inevitable result. They may be journalists or painters, or poets, or musicians, they all have a decided set about their eyebrows and the forehead which speaks of something more than average ability. But they are wrong-headed. They endure untold agonies before they will be induced to commence at the commencement. Some one friend of mine of such obstinacy, will seize hold of one of them bodily and lead him in the gate. Then he will be on the proper road, and will sooner or later be appreciated as he deserved. Now and then such men come back to the Institute to breathe a prayer for PETER COOPER, and to look curiously at their successors, wondering if there are there any fools as great as they were.

## THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

**Fresh Reference to the Subject in the Parliament of England.**

On March 29, in the House of Commons, Lord DERBY, in asking for an explanation of the present state of the negotiations with the United States, said that while inquiry might in certain cases be inopportune and mischievous, there was a risk, on the other hand, that the country might find itself bound by a treaty which was disapproved as soon as known. The hands of the strongest Foreign Minister might be strengthened by a debate in Parliament; and, while he was willing to leave the details of negotiating in the hands of the Government, the general principles on which it was based might and ought to be criticised by the Legislature. Repeating his objections to sending out a Commission at all, as offering a premium to undue concessions, he asked for an assurance that Her Majesty's Government would steadily maintain the ground they took up at the beginning of the session, and refuse to allow these indirect claims to go before the arbitrators. As the limit of time expired on the 15th of May, he next asked whether the Government, pending the negotiations, intended to put in their counter-case, or to suspend all proceedings before the arbitrators until the misunderstanding was cleared up. If Lord GRANVILLE could satisfy their Lordships that steps had been taken in the counter-case to guard against the admission of the constructive claims as being covered by the treaty, this discussion would not be useless.

Lord GRANVILLE, while admitting the advantages of public discussions, said there were occasions on which it was not for the public interests that complete publicity should be given to instructions and negotiations. Whenever the time arrived for discussing the Treaty of Washington it was Lord RIPON'S and his own earnest desire that the whole of the negotiations should be considered in the most complete manner. It would then be seen that the Government and the Commissioners had not been guilty of the negligence imputed to them. It was not, however, for the public interest that he should go into a statement of what was and what was not in this particular moment. The Government had considered the participation of the treaty purposely in order to give Lord RUSSELL the opportunity of testing the opinion of their Lordships, and the speech from the Throne contained words of no little significance in regard to the claims since set up. There would be something to be resolved if, after putting those words into the mouth of Her Majesty, the Government departed from the spirit and policy of the Queen's speech, and the language he himself had used on the first night of the session. The treaty had been favorably accepted by Parliament and the country, and Lord DERBY himself agreed that its excluded the claims—the extravagant and preposterous claims as he described them—of constructive damages for injury caused by the war. The Government were anxious to maintain the treaty, and they would be equally to blame if, on the one hand, they departed from the position they had taken up, or, on the other, by any hasty expression they threw away any chance of an amicable understanding. The present Government has been called upon to deal with several difficult questions of foreign policy, but in no one instance had they departed from the ground they had once taken up. If, however, they now undertook to answer questions upon the present state of these negotiations it would be almost impossible not to drift into explanations. It was natural that public anxiety should be excited, but he trusted he was exhibiting no undue reserve if he contented himself with declaring in general terms the determination of the Government to adhere to the policy indicated in Her Majesty's speech.

Lord MALMESBURY said it would be impossible to maintain complete silence in regard to the papers laid upon their Lordships' table. The treaty had been satisfactory so far as the public at home understood it. It was believed to have conciliated the Americans, but many now wished it to be abrogated for fear of the complications likely to arise if the Government went on. When discussion upon these negotiations was deprecated, it should be remembered that the greatest advantage Lord GRANVILLE held was the fact that during the debate upon the treaty last year, Gen. SCHENCK, who was sitting in the diplomatists' gallery, heard Lord GRANVILLE assert that the inferential claims had been disposed of by the treaty. Lord CAIRNS, in prophetic terms, then declared that another interpretation might be put upon the treaty, and that the indirect claims had not been so distinctly barred as they ought to be. For himself, he should not be a party to seeing the treaty abrogated.

Lord WESTBURY pointed out that the contention of the Prime Minister that the construction of the treaty was in England's favor was playing the game of the United States. It was enough for him that the treaty was ambiguous. It might admit an interpretation contrary to the truth and honor of the treaty, but there was something superior to language—namely, what was intended by England and what England understood was intended by the United States. The Government should therefore refuse to go on with the construction of the treaty, and he hoped they would take the only course consistent with the truth, honor, and, he would add, the courage of the country. He hoped their Lordships would hear no more of attempting to do two things, when one thing only was open to the Government.

The Earl of CHICHESTER saw nothing inconsistent in maintaining, first, that the Government had never intended to agree to a claim for constructive damages, and next, that the treaty recognized no such claim.

Lord GRAY could not agree with the Lord Chancellor. The language of the Government ought now to be, "We meant a certain thing, and from it we will not depart."

Lord LAUDERDALE held that the United States Government were quite justified in putting their construction upon the words of the treaty, since then it was no treaty at all if England understood it in one way and they in another.

The discussion then terminated.

## STATE ELECTIONS.

**Results in Rhode Island and Connecticut.**

The Providence *Journal* gives the following statement of the vote of Rhode Island, by counties, for Governor and Lieut-Governor, on Wednesday, as returns have been received from the towns or wards indicated:

| | Governor. Jewell. | Governor. Hubbard. | Lt.-Gov. Arr. Smith. | Lt.-Gov. Gil. Harrington. | Over Lt.-Gov. Out-Num. for Gov. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Providence | 3115 | 4560 | 67 | 4375 | 1267 | 15 |
| Newport | 1115 | 921 | 15 | 1135 | 202 | 4 |
| Washington | 1187 | 1187 | 13 | 1183 | 200 | |
| Kent | 998 | 704 | 11 | 700 | 502 | 11 |
| Bristol | 703 | 495 | 2 | 705 | 723 | 2 |
| Total | 8268 | 8145 | 67 | 8453 | 8790 | 32 |

Commenting upon these results, the *Journal* says:

"The Governor and Lieutenant-Governor were the objects of special and malignant opposition, and they run much behind the rest of the ticket. The vote for Gov. PADELFORD, without New-Shoreham, is 8,268. We estimate that the vote for ALDERMAN, Republican candidate for Secretary of State, will reach 10,000. Mr. ARNOLD, the regular Democratic candidate for Governor, has 3,141, to be increased probably to 3,300. A fair statement of the Republican majority is probably about 1,300. We are sorry to say that the Republican candidate for Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. PARDON W. STEVENS, is probably defeated, although there is a possibility that the vote of Block Island, and the contesting may throw the election into the General Assembly, in which case he will be re-elected. Lieut.-Gov. STEVENS has been shamefully maligned and misrepresented, in speeches, newspapers and handbills, relative to his connection with and interest in the taking of Dr. ——'s life, and the body by reason of drugs and poisons. In part through this cause, and in part because of his honest, independent disregard of the imperial will which has been subjected in the name of CÆSAR, he was stricken down by those who helped nominate and pretended to support him. His vote for Lieutenant-Governor will be a gain of perhaps 1,500 over his vote of last year; but the vote of CHARLES E. CUTLER, Democrat, is 8,790, which seems to render his election probable. This cannot be determined until Little Compton and Block Island are heard from, and probably not until the official count by the General Assembly in May.

### Connecticut.

The Hartford *Courant* of Friday gives the following revised statement of the vote of Connecticut for Governor on Monday, the returns being official from all but eight towns:

| | Jewell. | Hubbard. | Gil. Harrington. | Harrison. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hartford County | 9220 | 9090 | 264 | 132 |
| New-Haven County | 11541 | 11393 | 223 | 146 |
| New-London County | 5503 | 5283 | 152 | 70 |
| Fairfield County | 7067 | 7707 | 139 | 70 |
| Windham County | 4720 | 2008 | 91 | ... |
| Litchfield County | 4423 | 4874 | 122 | ... |
| Middlesex County | 3187 | 3012 | 125 | 15 |
| Tolland County | 2168 | 1503 | 51 | 2 |
| Total | 47851 | 44863 | 1241 | 360 |

Total vote, 93,054. JEWELL over HUBBARD, 1,999. JEWELL'S majority over all, 75. All others over HUBBARD, 2,923.

The Senate is fifteen Republicans to six Democrats. The House will stand as follows:

| | Republicans. | Democrats. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hartford County | 17 | 1 | 18 |
| New-Haven County | 17 | 14 | 31 |
| New-London County | 15 | 13 | 28 |
| Fairfield County | 13 | 15 | 28 |
| Litchfield County | 18 | 24 | 42 |
| Windham County | 11 | 6 | 17 |
| Middlesex County | 12 | 9 | 22 |
| Tolland County | 11 | 10 | 21 |
| Total | 130 | 111 | 241 |

Republican majority, nineteen; majority on joint ballot, twenty-eight.

### Mr. Albery's New Play.

The London *Daily News* supplies the following account of Mr. ALBERY'S new play at the London Globe. The critic says: "The unequal match—the man of position, or the man of genius, allied to the virtuous but lowly heroine—is a favorite theme with our modern play wrights. A moderate amount of constructive skill is sufficient to make capital out of a story that is none the less telling because an appreciative audience has seen, sympathized with, and wept over it before. The struggles of the young wife to raise herself to her new sphere; the hard fight with her husband's friends, his aristocratic relations, and old flames; the jealousies, misconceptions, quarrels and reconciliations, are elements of life and phases of society that are invariably interesting. Mr. JAMES ALBERY, in his new comedy of 'Forgiven,' produced on Saturday evening, has not, however, made so much of his materials as might have been anticipated. His love story is not a pleasant one; the actions of his characters are frequently motiveless, and the resolution to the life they affect to represent. *Claude Redruth*, a famous painter, makes love to the village maiden very prettily in the first act, which is of considerable promise, and appears to form the groundwork of a good story. The drop falls on a fair tableau; the hero is young, handsome, frank, and honorable, and the gardener's daughter is all that can be desired for the heroine to be. The disappointment to discover in the next three acts that *Claude Redruth* is only a weak-minded, aggravating simpleton, who neglects his wife, flirts with the woman who first jilted him, and, though ostensibly put forward as the hero of the comedy, does nothing throughout the piece to command our sympathy. The author has not a little to engender a hearty contempt for him. The plot is exceedingly slight for the elaborate framework of four acts, and many scenes and dialogues drag in consequence. There is a vast amount of talking for the sake of talking, of conversation that does not help the play enough, and at times dull and rapid—helping but little toward the progress of the story or the elucidation of character. The outline of the plot may be sketched as follows: *Claude Redruth* jilted by *Lady Maude*, niece of a *Lord Dart*, and disgusted by her heartlessness and vanity, finds in the innocent love of *Rose Dart* consolation and balm for his wounded pride. *Rose* has loved him secretly for three years; every incident connected with his preceding visit to her father's cottage has been fondly remembered; the flowers he gave her have been treasured, and the sandal that marked the parting kiss he pressed upon her lips has never where the shadow fell. It is in this scene where *Claude* discovers *Rose's* love for him, where lingering in the twilight round the old sundial she confesses her affection, and is made happy by the sudden acknowledgment of his own, that Mr. ALBERY is at his best. Here the hero makes love, and says as many pretty things in almost as piquant a fashion as they did, under different names in Mr. ROBERTSON'S "School," but we regret to add that this is the only part of the work with which it is possible to be wholly pleased. In the next act, which takes place in the Horticultural Gardens, the interest, which is fairly maintained, but *Claude Redruth* does not figure to any great advantage. He is married to *Rose*, whom he gently, but very properly, chides for not wearing gloves at a flower-show, and for kissing him at that place of festivity when she thinks that no one is looking, and the hardly ashamed of her father-in-law, *Fred Oudlapp*, whom he allows to be snubbed and insulted in his presence without interfering. A chance meeting with *Lady Maude* overwhelms *Claude* with confusion; he is compelled to introduce his young wife to the lady, who endeavors to engage in conversation for the ulterior purpose of ridiculing her and her manners. *Rose*, however, gets the better of her rival, without being conscious of the fact, and the second act may be said to terminate satisfactorily. It is in the latter half of the comedy that the machinery works less smoothly, and the characters are hurried to their destruction by their want of purpose and cohesion. As *Lord Dart's* mansion, *Claude Redruth* is objectionable and silly. He has fallen in love with *Lady Maude* again—or by his desperate sympathies we are led to believe that he is once more desperately in love with her; the suspicions of *Lord Dart* are aroused by their secret conversations and clandestine meetings, the young wife is away, honest Fred *Oudlapp* is unhappy at the position of affairs, and *Claude's* friend, *Richard Tollton*, is anxious to disentangle *Claude* from the meshes of the siren. *Lady Maude*, who had really loved *Claude* as the moment of rejecting him, and who has never forgiven him for marrying another, plays a dangerous game, and acts in every way in an odd and unladylike fashion. As a signal that she is waiting for him, she sends a rose to *Claude* by Fred *Oudlapp*, who appears to be at home at *Lord Dart's* when company is expected, and she is heard more than once calling in a high key to *Claude* from dark walks, and reproaching him for his unpunctuality in attending to her commands. Each interview is finally brought to a close of his unfaithful conduct by *Rose* reminding him that it is his wedding-day, and by showing him two letters of *Lady Maude's*, wherein there is much discrepancy of statement, and where the revengeful motive for the intrigue is shadowed forth. *Claude's* confession to *Rose* with these letters, reconciliation, warmly and unaffectedly effected, is a capital piece of writing, and unquestionably the strongest scene in the play. The curtain was then sent out, and the district section of the Fire Department was promptly on hand. Fearing that the flames would extend throughout the entire building, Engineer HARRIS sounded a second alarm, which brought to his assistance a reinforcement of 30 firemen and companies. Despite the best efforts of all the firemen the flames gained rapidly, and the means of a rear stair-case ascended to the third floor, but were confined to the rear portion of the building. The lower floors of the premises were deluged with water, and the upper floors filled with dense smoke, which ruined and damaged a large portion of the stock. The most on the premises was one of the finest and most extensive of its kind in the City, and is said to have been valued at $1,000,000. The loss on it by fire, water and smoke is estimated at $500,000, but may be found to greatly exceed this amount. It is insured for $300,000 in several companies. The building is damaged to the extent of $25,000, and is insured for $200,000. The origin of the fire has not yet been ascertained.

During the progress of the conflagration DENNIS MCGARTY, a member of Insurance Patrol No. 2, fell through the skylight from the roof down to the basement and received injuries. He was taken home by his comrades.

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## FRANCE.

### Unpopularity of the Law on the Press—M. Thiers's Misdeeds—The Price of Bread—The Fortifications of the Metropolis—The Demand for Economy.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, March 18, 1872.

The journals of every color and party are united in urging upon the Government the full withdrawal of M. VICTOR LEFRANC's law on the Press; but, of course, for a great variety of motives and reasons. The *Bien Public* alone of all the newspapers in France finds the bill excellent; but this fact does not have great weight when we know that it approves of everything done by M. THIERS, and finds everything for the best in the best of all possible worlds. M. HENRY VRIGNAULT, the editor, was left in charge of the *Liberté* when one-half of it went away to Tours and Bordeaux, and he immediately outraged every one of M. EMILE DE GIRARDIN'S three hundred and sixty-five thoughts for the year then past, and, following the tactics of John Phœnix, in California, changed the politics of the journal in the absence of its chief, and began to "touch its readers on the raw." To this day the *Liberté*, which is devoted to M. DE GIRARDIN'S sprightly, polemic, has to suffer for that piece of confidence in M. VRIGNAULT, and when its own columns are quoted against its present arguments, the reply is that the true *Liberté* was in the country, and the small part which remained was confiscated by M. HENRI VRIGNAULT. The latter had failed in business about that time, or before, but journalism was profitable during the siege, and when the real proprietors returned to give M. VRIGNAULT his *congé*, he at once started a journal of his own, called the *Bien Public*. He procured also a situation in M. THIERS' private cabinet; he was decorated for two or three days' service in the National Guard, and at once became the special horn-blower of the Government. M. VRIGNAULT is charmed with this new law, and he writes article after article to show that it is simply superb. What a blow to the BONAPARTISTS! What a crusher for the Opposition! What breadth of view and wisdom! *Quel flair! Quel tact!* With a law of that kind all opposition must be helplessly crippled, and the only prosperous journals would be those having the confidence of the Government, wherein, you see, the *Bien Public* has the inside track. But with this one exception the other journals are unanimous, strange to say, in declaring that the law is entirely unnecessary. In fact, there are already three or more stringent laws in existence, besides a number of others which could be brought out in case of need. There is the law of May, 1819, passed under the Decazes Ministry—to go back no further—and there is the law of 1848 and of 1849. As every Government has the right of using the unrepealed laws of its predecessors, there is no particular reason why the present Government should not do so, and especially since neither of the two strongest was made under Monarchy or Empire. It is now believed that no difficulty will arise from the failure to pass this law. The Assembly Committee has cut out all of the allusions to the fall of the Empire, so dear to the President's heart, as well as to the definite character of the present Republic. It has cut out the whole of the article forbidding suppressed journals to appear elsewhere in France, and has iterated and reiterated, in almost every possible way, that the present Government is merely provisional, and that the discussion of constitutional questions is strictly legal and legitimate. The *Bien Public* thinks the Committee narrow-minded and short-sighted, and does not believe the Chamber will agree in its recommendations; but M. THIERS has not the confidence of his clerk, and is determined to withdraw the bill entirely or let it go in its present shorn and diminished state. It will be, therefore, a law of no importance whatever, and a little less stringent than those now on hand.

COSTLY SECRETARIES.

At the present time one might paraphrase the saying of the good HENRI IV., that every Frenchman should have a chicken on Sunday, by the remark that every one ought to have a loaf of good bread at the lowest possible price. The poor are beginning to grumble about the price of bread. I do not see that the Government is to be blamed in the matter, nor do I well see how it could interfere, unless it should establish municipal bakeries for the benefit of the poor. Immediately after the war flour was very dear, and the price of bread was fixed accordingly. As the supply came in the price fell, but bread has remained at the same high figure. There has been a diminution of eighteen and twenty francs the sack of flour, while the four-pound loaf which ought to be sold for fifteen or sixteen sous, is sold at eighteen and nineteen sous, or ninety and ninety-five centimes. But this is not the worst of the matter. The bakers have adopted the habit of making two kinds of bread, the ordinary loaf and what is called *pain de luxe*. The latter is sold for seven sous the pound, or twenty-eight sous for the ordinary loaf for a family; but as the special bread never comes up to the weight, it really amounts to thirty sous for the four-pound loaf. The bakers now pay very little attention to their ordinary bread, and the poor, who cannot afford to pay for the best, feel very sensibly the difference in favor of those who have money. I don't know that the Government has a right to interfere with this condition of the bakers to keep up the price of bread, and to institute the poor by giving them ordinary bread for a sum which enables pay for the best; the difference to cost is very little, but one is headed in favor of so large a number. It is the baker between whom the kneading process which makes the good bread of France and Switzerland, and it is certain that a want of good, cheap bread constitutes a grave danger for the State. Recently M. THIERS would do well were he to ask M. LEON SAY to examine making a certain number of bakeries in charge of the city. Of course they would pay for themselves when once started.

FORTIFICATIONS OF THE METROPOLIS.

Work has been already begun upon the fortifications of Paris, and several millions will be spent at once in putting them in repair. This will astonish engineers on every side of the world. I can speak freely upon these subjects, for I gave my views five or six days before the Prussians arrived before the city, and the result showed that they were correct. In truth, the fortifications about the city are a complete anachronism, for they belong to the last Krupp period of the world. Somewhere about the 10th or 12th of September, 1870, I wrote you that the true defense of Paris must be upon the Seine and the Marne, and that if the Germans succeeded in coming up by the wood of Meudon to plant their guns upon the heights of Chatillon and Clamart, the fall of the city was only the work of time. Besides the formal investment of the town, there is the disadvantage of shutting up a vast army in an unorganized camp, and I had already seen the great disadvantages Gen. LEE labors under by being shut up by one leg, as it were, to the City of Richmond, Besides, the Malakoff was given another demonstration, and it was generally recognized that after Sedowa the walls of Vienna were valueless. But M. THIERS built, we may say, the present works, and he cannot get the idea out of his head. Abandon the entire enceinte, with its curtains and bastions, is to be repaired, and the only changes will be the removal of posts of the other forts. Issy and Vanves, for instance, must go to the heights occupied by the German batteries; Montrouge must go to the Haute-Bruyères, and the forts of the east to the line of hills by Romigny and Branay. But even this is not far enough, and there are positions enough beyond that zone of fire from which shell could be thrown into the city. The rebuilding of these works seems to me, therefore, a very great and costly error.

A CRY FOR ECONOMY.

There is a close and careful search at this time after the means of economy, but the search has not been eminently successful. M. THIERS will not listen to economy in the Army Budget, and demands millions for his fortifications; but on the other hand, it was thought that something might be gained by the reduction of salaries and pensions. When it came to be a serious matter, however, and when the Deputies had their say about their patriotic desire to aid in the liberation of the soil, they inconsinently voted down a proposition to give up their own salaries. It was then proposed that they should give ten per cent., and ten per cent. was also to be deducted from the President's salary of $125,000 a year, (in addition to this he has 160,000 francs a year household expenses, and rent free.) A number of deputies aired their patriotism and told the country how anxious they were to give up everything, but when it came to a vote this also was thrown out. As the members of the Left, who are poor men, expressed their desire to give up their salaries, and as their remarks to this effect went out to the country in the *Officiel*, we may presume that it was the rich noblemen and proprietors of the Right who voted to retain their twenty francs a day. When it came to the pensions, two widows were fallen upon and their pensions reduced eight thousand francs a year each, while the Radical journals and the Left, even now trying to get a pension for Madame CHANDEY, tried hard to get the entire pension suppressed, with all the rest upon the Emperor's list. I am sorry to say that this is an instance of very bad faith. Yet it is curious to note that out of all the pensions of the Empire, those of Mme. WALEWSKI and Mme. TROPLONG were the only ones which the Assembly dared to change. A note to the decree shows also that the Emperor had disposed of only 241,000 francs out of a credit of 500,000 allowed for the purpose, and among the persons benefitted were the widows of M. DE MARTIGNAC, Minister of CHARLES X., and of the Duc DECAZES, the favorite of LOUIS XVIII., and of LOUIS PHILIPPE. I do not hesitate to say that in using the prerogative conferred upon him by the Legislature in favor of families notoriously hostile to him, NAPOLEON III. proved not only his own sense of justice and elevation of mind, but the sovereign impartiality with which he appreciated the titles acquired in the service of the State under whatever regime. It ought to be a bitter reflection to those who have accused him of using this money for his own purposes, to bestow upon his relatives, friends and favorites, to find that he had used less than one-half of it, and that one-half of that was given to persons of families entirely hostile to him and to his reign. ASHBY.

### Doings of President Thiers—A Dreaded Anniversary—Proceedings in the Assembly—Subventions for the Theatres—Disturbances by Students.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, March 22, 1872.

For some days past the political world has been uncommonly calm, and no incident of any great importance has transpired, either here or at Versailles. The members of the Assembly have an air pensive and sombre, and appear to have lost the energy necessary for a lively scene. This may be due to the weather, which has turned suddenly cold, snow falling at times nearly every day; or it may be due to the general discouragement of the parties arrayed against each other. Still another hypothesis is that the Assembly has been greatly impressed and saddened by the horrible reports of the last execution, where, in the early gray of the morning, with all the ghastly accompaniments of these too common scenes, PRÉAU DE WEDEL was shot to death against the butts of Sartory. For some cause, I know not what, the Chamber does not seem in its usual militant and aggressive mood. None of the important measures which rouse party spirit have been brought forward, and the President has spent the greater portion of his time in giving receptions or in driving into or about the city. One day he visits a picture gallery and receives the homage of the people, but always surrounded by a company of *gendarmes*; another sees him about the Elysée or driving about the Faubourg du Temple, in order to see for himself the state of the public spirit. That his rapid views have been eminently satisfactory is shown by his repeated assertions that the laboring classes were never so busy or so happy as under his rule; but, then, how many a ruler has satisfied himself in the same way and come to exactly the same conclusion. A man in that position cannot be blamed for not knowing the truth, for the force of circumstances prevent him from seeing what is perfectly familiar to those who daily elbow the proletariat in the streets. On the whole, perhaps, Paris is not so bad as it might be, and I do believe that any Government whatever, with one single exception, could have done much better under existing conditions. The great fault is, I fear, that things are going from bad to worse instead of having a tendency to grow better.

THE RISE OF THE COMMUNE.

On the 18th, the anniversary of the rise of the Commune, some kind of a demonstration was looked for, and as more than one hundred and fifty thousand chassepots are still missing, there were good reasons for certain precautions. Of late a large number of soldiers have been insulted and attacked in the faubourgs, and these incidents became of such common occurrence that Gen. LADMIRAULT had to issue an order against their promenading when off duty except in groups. In various quarters the sight of a soldier in the uniform of the line was the signal for insults and injurious words, even the women making outcries against them. "There goes one of the assassins of the people," was generally the first cry, and one can imagine that the gutter-children, called *gamins* and *voyous*, were always ready to join in such rows. On this particular day a quarrel between a drunken workman and a *flâneur* might have raised a crowd, a fight, a cry to arms for vengeance, and a rapid bottle of half the missing guns. For this reason the troops were ordered to remain in the casernes except when on duty, and companies of infantry and squads of cavalry were sent to patrol all of the disaffected quarters. But there was perfect tranquillity of any sort, nor an attempt at celebration. However, nearly all of the ouvriers left their work-shops on that day, and their demeanor was sullen and insolent. One can see that the spirit remains, and that there is a dangerous smouldering fire which only awaits favorable conditions to burst into flame; but I do not believe that these conditions will be found for a long time to come. The men actually engaged in the insurrection have had enough for the present, but the rising generation will surely demand its turn. The only hope of peace is in the strong hand of a master—one who will know how to use the boiling and seething mass, and turn its hot blood to some useful work. In connection with this point, I may mention the further developments of the inquiry into the causes of this day last year. Gen. LECLO, says that it was due to the incapacity of Gen. TROCHU, who did not know how to use the material under his hand, and who would take no advice, and to the fear of JULES FAVRE, JULES SIMON and PICARD, to be prompt and severe measures lest they should lose their popularity with "the people."

THE ASSEMBLY.

In the Assembly there have been several debates of interest, but no striking incidents. The most noteworthy are the interpellation of M. JOUBERT on the denunciation of the English Treaty of Commerce, the debate on the postal treaty with Germany, and on the subventions to be given to the opera and theatres. The young Deputy from Bordeaux made a short but very sharp and incisive speech, asking why the correspondence with the English Government was not laid before the Chamber. In the United States, he said, such correspondence was always furnished by the President, and all constitutional Governments have their "blue books" for the instruction of legislators. But M. THIERS assumes a power no king would claim. He conceals the correspondence with other Powers, and only presents to the Chamber the fragments which can support his own cause. Such a way of conducting the affairs of the nation was entirely without excuse. The President was very much irritated at M. JOUBERT'S course, and all the more so as the young Deputy showed incontestable ability, and had justice on his side. It must be confessed that there is a vast amount of the arbitrary in the present Government, and I should not complain of that did not the President constantly swear there was nothing of the kind, and did he not blame his predecessors for the very measures he himself adopts. The suppression of *L'Avenir* is a case in point. With the *Gaulois*, it was suppressed under the law of a state of siege. But the *Avenir* was published at Lagny, Department of the Seine-et-Marne. It was then declared that this department was in a state of siege, under the decree of the Empress Regent, on the approach of the Germans, but later it was ascertained that M. THIERS himself had declared that the evacuation abrogated this decree, and with that view he asked the Chamber to vote the state of seige for Seine-et-Oise. As he had the law on his side, and could call M. THIERS himself as a witness, M. JULES RICHARD printed another number of his journal on Wednesday, and yesterday it was seized and the seals put upon his presses. This was expected, and he has begun a process against the Government to test the legality of its act of suppression.

SUBVENTIONS FOR THE THEATRES.

After a very curious and amusing discussion over the question of granting subventions to the opera and to a few of the theatres, the Assembly decided to do so, but it voted to suppress the free entries claimed by the Minister of Education as his right. It seems that M. SIMON has made a large use of his privilege, and every night offers a number of boxes in several theatres to his friends. For example, all of the directors receive such little notes as this: "My dear MARTIGNY, I desire good boxes for ten persons for to-morrow, and on the next day seats for six. Receive my respectful homages. JULES SIMON, Minister of Public Education and of Worship." It was noted that M. SIMON sent as many as eighty and one hundred persons to the theatres, if not every night, at least pretty near it; and at length this became a little too much of a good thing to be endured. The directors began to complain and when the matter came up yesterday the Minister's rights were withdrawn. Of course he can have a box whenever he wants one now, but he will have no right to embarrass the theatres with three or four score of dead-heads per night. Count JOUBERT, the cranky man of the Assembly, wanted to cut off the subvention, but the reporter urged the matter with so much spirit, and appealed so strongly to the special vanities of the French, that the money was voted. M. CLAUDE told the Chamber that the opera of Paris had no equal, and that Paris was the centre of genius and the *foyer* of civilization. All nations conceded its vast superiority and tried in vain to equal it, and before refusing to continue the subvention he wished the history of the opera well considered, as well as what it had done for humanity. The Paris opera was the Mecca of art:

"The genius of the whole world has come there and become French. Thus of Italy itself has inclined before that of France, which invented the grand lyrical poem. This expenditure of a million represents, perhaps, eighty millions, coming into France by all the frontiers, for the entire universe hastens here. Foreigners master the secrets of their profession, and complete their instruction; in former times, GLUCK, MOZART and SPONTINI; and in our own, ROSSINI arrived at Paris and remained there. MEYERBEER, who was only an imitator in Italy, became transformed into an original composer at the Paris Opera. He there conceived a new art, for dramatic genius was then revealed to him for the first time. And when Berlin, envying us that glory, offered him consideration and honors which he had never had among us, and asked for operas for that city, he composed 'Le Brandenbourgeois' and 'Thor' and the 'Schlesische Lager,' performed without success, and of which he afterward took the choice morceaux to make a French opéra comique. VERDI, too, completely transformed his style of composition at the French opera. And a speaker made no allusion to our glories, to our composers, of AUBER and his Musée de Cluny, of HALÉVY and of GOUNOD. What did all those men of genius require to display their ability and irradiate the world? The pedestal which they could find only in France. The national opera, of Paris, with its resources, its high art, the sentiment of the intelligence and talent of the actors—all that combines in the creations of *a chef d'œuvre!* and I cannot consent to France renouncing one of her glories, one of her grandeurs."

Count JOUBERT declared that he would persist in demanding a reduction of five hundred thousand francs. That proposition was rejected by 444 votes to 224, and the article adopted.

DISTURBANCES BY STUDENTS.

New disturbances have broken out at the Ecole de Medicene similar to those of two years ago in the classes of Dr. TARDIEU. In this instance, the Professor attacked is Dr. DOLBEAU, who occupies, I believe, the chair of Pathology. On Tuesday he entered his class-room and began his lecture, but was immediately interrupted by hisses, shuffling, cries and noises of all sorts, the students ordering him to retire, for they would not hear him. The doctor, taken completely by surprise, did not understand the demonstration, but he remained in his chair. Presently bits of paper and sticks were thrown at him, and this sent off a volley of *gros sous*, or two-cent copper pieces. Several of them struck him, and one broke the glass, filled with water, upon his desk. After a time M. WURTZ, the dean of the faculty, came in, and taking M. DOLBEAU by the hand, helped him to the door. He then invited the students to go below, formulate their complaints, and send a delegation to him; but, he added, "I can have no more disorders in class, and I know how to maintain order. M. WURTZ is generally respected by the students, and he managed to get the class down stairs. Their complaints were

*First*—That no one could pass before Dr. DOLBEAU, and that he was so severe no one could graduate.

*Second*—That, being chief of a hospital, he had denounced an insurgent patient to the authorities.

As the first complaint was notoriously untrue, it was clear that the latter was the cause of the demonstration. The facts are thus Dr. DOLBEAU was asked by the authorities if he had any insurgent patients, and he replied, "One only, and he is now able to be discharged." He was "discharged" a few moments later by a volley of musketry, and against the convent wall—in other words, he was dragged out of the hospital and shot *sans* trouble. Why he was thus shot, without even a drum-head trial, no one seems to know, for he was not a prominent man—a simple lieutenant, I believe—and it is certain that Dr. DOLBEAU had no hand in his death. Yet he had declared that he had one *Federé* left, and this is called a denunciation by these fledgling doctors. The whole class was in the court-yard and very menacing—waiting for "old DOLBEAU to show himself, if he dared," and they watched about the door until dark. The truth was, the doctor had left immediately after descending. Yesterday he made another effort to lecture, but was prevented, and I have not yet heard what has been done today. A fierce revolutionary or insurgent spirit seems to pervade the medical schools. Every student of imperial or legitimate sympathies is in danger of insult, and yet the Republicans, who favor M. THIERS, fare but little better. Nothing suits these young men but ideas of the most advanced school and of the reddest type, and it is construed with madness that their spirit is keeping from the schools every young man of family, fortune or name.

ASHBY.

## ENGLAND.

### Sir Charles Dilke's Position—Opposition to Parliament—Religious Topics—Spiritualism and Confessions—The Government and Its Pensions—A Wealth of Plays.

From a Special Correspondent.

MID-ENGLAND, Saturday, March 23, 1872.

Winter at last, and the ground is covered with snow—almost the only snow we have had, and this only enough to whiten the landscape for a few hours.

SIR CHARLES DILKE'S POSITION.

The "Hole in the Wall" is stopped up, and Sir CHARLES DILKE, the Republican leader, is stopped for the present. The Hole in the Wall was a public house in the Old Bailey, convenient to the present lodgings of Sir ROGER TICHBOURNE, where Mr. ODGER and his Republicans held their meetings. This week the landlady went before the licensing Magistrates, repudiated ODGER and his works, and requested their worships to change the name of her house to the "Victoria." They suggested that her loyalty might be satisfied with the good old constitutional title of the "Crown," which she graciously accepted, and went home happy. Sir CHAS. DILKE'S fortune is worse than ODGER'S. He brought up his motion about the expenses of the Royal household, and got Hon. AUBERON HERBERT to second it in the usual English fashion, by taking off his hat, and made a two hours' speech, which was not disloyal, but had the worse fault of being dull. Mr. GLADSTONE answered him loyally and triumphantly, with great cheering. Then Mr. Dilke-and-water HERBERT tried to make a speech, and the English House so far outdid the French one that the Prince of WALES might better have seen a legislative row as home. Lord BURY tried to stop of Sir CHARLES by a point or order. As a member of Parliament he had solemnly sworn to give true allegiance to Queen VICTORIA and her successors, and now he was proceeding that she paid too much to her cooks and chamber-maids. The Speaker did not see it, and Sir CHARLES made his speech, and Mr. HERBERT tried to make another, amid cat-calls, the crowing of cocks, hisses, howls, and every sort of noise natural to the British legislator. He stood his ground, trained to it on the hustings, and the members, tired of making noise enough to drown him, left the House. Then they tried to count him out; but every time the Speaker found more than forty members. Then a member informed the Speaker that there were strangers present. The presence of strangers in the House is always unconstitutional, though at times unnoticed. But if the Speaker's attention is called to the fact he orders the House to be cleared of all intruders. So spectators and reporters were turned out, and Mr. HERBERT finished his speech, which was to the effect that he thought republican institutions were on the whole better than monarchies. Then the House divided on Sir CHARLES' motion for reform in the Royal household, and two members voted with him and his echo, and ten against them. And so Sir CHARLES is done for, and the Royal House Movement, stolen Agwa by th favor of the Prince of WALES, has got its quietus—for the present. If you do the right thing about the Alabama claims, and go on with the work of pacification as well begun in New-York, we may [illegible] it; but two votes in favor of the [illegible] of the British Republic, out of [illegible] are very encouraging.

GOVERNMENT TO PARLIAMENT.

Still Parliament, though said to be omnipotent, does not always represent the entire public. On Thursday evening, a crowded public meeting at St. James' Hall, assembled to protest against the bill for the regulation of the parks, stood up and greeted Sir CHARLES DILKE when he rose to address them, "with a storm of applause which culminated after a few minutes in Kentish fire." The meeting was an unanimous in his favor as the House of Commons had been against him; and Mr. AUBERON HERBERT, who had spoken in the House in a howling storm which made hearing a word impossible, found himself in St. James' Hall enthusiastically applauded. The disposition to break out in a row is, in fact, a remarkable feature of the English character. The solemn act of electing representatives of the people in Parliament is generally a series of riots, often bloody and destructive. Formerly, when elections lasted for weeks, the whole period was one of drunkenness, fighting and riot. When elected, the members every now and then represent the worst manners of their constituents, as in this matter of Sir C. DILKE. A dignified silence with the crushing vote would have answered every purpose of loyalty, but John Bull must be boisterous. At Reading, a few nights ago, Mr. WILLIAMS, Secretary to the Liberation Society, tried to give a lecture on Church disestablishment. There was a tumultuous meeting and great uproar by those opposed to the objects of the meeting. They sang the national anthem, "God save our gracious Queen," and then got up a big fight to the music, which lasted till the end of the meeting. A meeting of clergymen, chiefly belonging to the Church Defense Institution in London, a few days ago was nearly as riotous. Mr. MURPHY, a Dissenting minister, tried to speak, and the Chairman ruled that he was in order, but the meeting would not hear him—howled, made a rush upon the platform, seized the unorthodox person, dragged him down, and hustled him out of the room like a pickpocket. Even a funeral does not always get through without a riot. You may remember a riot at the funeral of a Ritualist nun, or sister, a few years ago. They are common enough now not to be noticed. But at the funeral of MURPHY, the deceased no-Popery lecturer, last Sunday, at Birmingham, there was considerable tumult. The man is said to have died in consequence of injuries received in a riot excited by his attempt to lecture at Whitehaven some months ago. As the life of the man has been chiefly spent amid riots for several years, a strong police force was ordered to attend his funeral. The hearse, in passing through the streets, was assailed with a storm of execrations. The crowd crushed, shouted and jeered; there was a mêlée at the guarded gates of the cemetery. The coffin was assailed as the hearse had been, and the mourners did not escape some rough handling. All this, of course, makes MURPHY more than ever a martyr with his adherents. The funeral was intended to be a no-Popery demonstration, and it called out a counter demonstration in the fashion which has long existed among rival parties in Ireland.

RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Dissent, while holding its own, or perhaps gaining ground in English towns, seems to be losing in the rural districts. There are more chapels than are needed, and ministers are miserably supported. Lately a meeting was held to attempt to bring about a union between the Congregationalists and Baptists, and the members generally expressed a wish to unite as a measure of both brotherhood and economy; but there were two difficulties: The Baptist ministers would not baptize children, and the Congregationalists were equally unwilling to baptize those who had been baptized, as they believe, already, so the meeting failed of its object, for the weak, perhaps, of a little management. Roman Catholics, in receiving converts from other denominations, always baptize them conditionally. The form is: "If thou hast not been baptized, I baptize thee," &c. This might have satisfied both parties, though the Baptists would have to say, "If thou constitest to be baptized."

SPIRITUALISM AND CONFESSIONS.

The *Tablet*, the leading organ of English Catholics, has a review of Mr. ROBERT DALE OWEN'S recent work on Spiritualism, entitled *The Debatable Land Between This World and the Next*. Quoting Mr. OWEN'S qualified acceptance of the Catholic doctrines of purgatory, the intercession of saints, and the efficacy of prayers and masses for the dead, the *Tablet* says:

"It is very remarkable here that the only points of his creed which take a positive form are Catholic doctrines commonly rejected by Protestants, though travestied and modified in a Protestant sense. We may, therefore, indulge the hope that Almighty God, who knows how to bring forth good out of evil, will allow even Spiritualism to become a means of drawing souls away from the influence of Protestant prejudices toward the light of truth."

Further on the reviewer says:

"There are many other kinds of spiritual manifestations of which he has given examples, the truth of which we have no wish to impugn. Various theories might be invented to account for them consistently with Catholic doctrine; but we must not pretend to be wiser than St. AUGUSTINE, who, in reference to similar occurrences in his own time, frankly admitted that it was too difficult for him to determine whether they should be attributed to good or evil spirits."

I copy these sentences for the benefit of some who seem to have either more wisdom or considerably less modesty than St. AUGUSTINE.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT ON PENSIONS.

The allowance of the Government to Lady MAYO and her children is denounced by the *Times* and many other journals as mean and parsimonious. The widow of the assassinated Governor General of India is to have a pension of $5,000 a year and the children a gratuity of $20,000:

"It is not thus," says the *Globe*, "that the British people provides for the families of those who fall at the post of duty while sustaining the highest offices of the crown. A feeling of ineffable disgust will overpower and stifle all other sentiments, when it is known, as what a depth of humiliation the pitiful parsimony of an economical Government can stoop, when the subject, we might say the victims, of its patronage are not particularly powerful."

The *Daily News* speaks of the proposed grant as "something inexpressibly paltry." I do not know what the American Government would do in such a case. The salary of Lord MAYO was $125,000 a year—five times that of an American President, and Lady MAYO'S pension should be something in proportion. Still, Lord MAYO, I presume, had a private fortune, and even such a pitiful sum as a gift of one hundred thousand dollars and a pension of five thousand dollars a year may not be an unwelcome addition. The matter will in some way be brought before Parliament.

THE SUPPLY OF PLAYS.

Mrs. SCOTT-SIDDONS, who is about to place her remarkably pretty person on the stage, advertised some time ago for a drama suited to her powers as an actress. Three hundred plays were specially written for her, it is said, and from them, with or without reading them all, she has selected "The Ordeal Touch," by Mr. ROBERT LEE. Think of 299 rejected dramatists, who will all go to the theatre the first night of the so far successful drama, and conscientiously damn it to their hearts' content. Then the poor little actress will be left to the mercies of those who will write malign criticisms about her and any drama she may produce hereafter. What a career that lovely woman has before her!

MONADNOCK.

## ITALY.

### The Financial Scheme of the Ministry—The Kingdom and the Papacy—Sentiment at the Vatican—Convent Property and Its Rights—The Death of Mamiani—An American House of Worship.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ROME, Tuesday, March 19, 1872.

The discussion of the financial scheme of the Ministry, so long put off, is about to begin in Parliament. There has been so much talk and no action, that people who wish to witness practical results promptly brought about are weary of waiting. A month back there was a good deal said about the weakness of the Cabinet, and that action in the Chamber upon this, its most important measure, would bring on a crisis. Since the Government settled down in Rome, the agitation of parties has greatly diminished, as some of the most exciting questions have been removed from the field of debate. The condition of the national finances is the subject which for a long time yet must form the leading object of public attention, but it is not one which need excite angry passions, as have some other questions now happily consigned to the political history of the country. The relations of the Italian Kingdom with the Papacy after the question of finance, is that which most concerns the people and Parliament to have as soon as possible out of the way. To the rest of the world Italian politics are principally interesting in their connection with the new status given to the Papacy by the great moral movement of the Catholic society of our time. To Italy belongs the credit, in great part, of being the leader in the movement and heroically bearing the brunt of a violent clerical opposition. By voting the measure of law which destroyed the temporal power, Italy crowned the edifice of a great reform, and won a title to the gratitude of all among the more thoughtful and reasonable of Catholic Christians. As for the project of the Minister of Finance, its principal feature is to obtain new benefits to the treasury, and partially cover the deficit for a series of years by allowing the bank to increase the circulation in paper money to the amount of three hundred millions of francs, during a period of five years, at the rate of sixty millions a year during that term. The shares of the National Bank are now sold at a little less than four thousand francs; par value, one thousand. It is proposed also to commit the service of the public treasury to the two or three leading banking institutions of the State, with the one above-named at the head.

SENTIMENT AT THE VATICAN.

Many reports are in circulation about the feelings and intentions of the inhabitants of the Vatican, which are either greatly exaggerated or have no foundation in truth. But there can be no doubt that the course which events have recently taken has disappointed not a little the optimist calculations which were beginning to be indulged. Signor FOURNIER, the new French Minister, is on his way to Italy, and the hope of making much of the discussion in the French Assembly, of Roman affairs, is nearly given up. The Papal Nuncio, Mons. CIGHI, who has returned from Paris, it is understood, has brought the report that the clerical excitement is diminishing, and some new movement at the Vatican is necessary to keep alive the sensation. Hence the origin of the statement that the Pope is urged by the Jesuits, with more earnestness than ever, to quit Rome. It is a step which the Holy Father has from the beginning been opposed to taking, and it is doubtful whether his pretended friends, without resorting to absolute force, will be more successful in their present than in their former efforts to make the Pope leave Italy. His age, the difficulty of traveling without the publicity which he wishes now to avoid, and the difficulty of finding a place with the comforts and advantages of this ancient residence of his predecessors, are some of the reasons which will probably keep him here. Still, it is possible that the pressure brought to bear may be so strong as not to be resisted, and his Holiness may take a step which his best friends can hardly believe to be one of wisdom.

CONVENT PROPERTY IN THE CAPITAL.

A decision has been pronounced, within a few days past, by the Court of Appeals, sitting in Rome, which may have some influence in settling the question of the right of foreign protection to convent property in this city. For a time, reaching far back into the past, it has been the habit of foreign Catholics, whether French, Spanish, Irish, English, or those of other nationalities, to contribute money to build or endow convents and other similar institutions in Rome, for the purpose of pleasing the Pope and strengthening the cause of the true faith, both here and, by means of missions and correspondence, in all parts of the world. The amount of property in buildings, and in one or another kind of apparatus, has come to be immense. In anticipation of the application to Rome of the general law of Italy, declaring ecclesiastical possessions, not directly connected with public worship, the property of the State, several corporations have tried to set up the pretense that their houses were under the protection of foreign States, with the right to immunity; and for a long time past such fixes as the French and English, as these most likely to be respected, have been hanging on the fronts of their buildings. By the decision of the Court it is now put down that such pretended right to exemption is worth nothing, and when the law of confiscation is applied to Rome, the property of the Trinità dei Monti nuns, or that of the English Convent, must take its fate with the Italian establishments. At a moderate estimate, the ecclesiastical property in Rome which will come to the State if the law is applied, cannot have a value of less than fifty millions of dollars. The rents of hundreds of houses go to the support of religious orders. There are vast tracts of land in the Roman Campagna, the property of conventual establishments in the city, under a very imperfect cultivation, and yielding a much less amount of revenue than would come to hand with experienced management. With the new law, these lands will be liberated and be subjected to regulations such as stimulate to a larger production. Petitions, numerously signed, are now before Parliament, or rather are still in the hands of the Ministers, to be presented, demanding immediate action upon the question of the disposition of the property of the religious corporations. The Ministry has been behind-hand in submitting its project, not wishing to have upon its shoulders at one time too great a weight of responsibility and embarrassment.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE VIENNA EXHIBITION.

The Italians are so much interested in the great exposition to be held at Vienna next year, that the Ministry have determined to recommend to Parliament the appropriation of the sum of half a million of francs to enable the country to be in the best possible manner represented. Italy has innumerable objects of fine art and other kinds of manufacture, for which a market is sought, and opportunities such as these are not neglected of displaying wares for the inspection of the whole world. There is great activity of preparation, and as the difficulties of transportation to Vienna are less now than they were a few years ago to Paris, the country will be able to make a better exposition at the Austrian, than in 1867 at the French show.

A METROPOLITAN MURDER.

Killing is sometimes done in a very cool and business-like way here in Rome. A few nights back an Italian and his friend were returning home from an evening visit. They were in the Via Condotti, a street which all so well know who have visited Rome; when a well-dressed man, who had evidently been following the two friends for some time, watching his opportunity, whipped into the side of one of them a blow with a knife which left him on the ground, and from which he died at the neighboring Hotel de Rome during the night. So sudden was the attack that the companion, seeing his friend fall, thought it was only the result of a collision with the man whom he saw making off and losing himself among those who happened to be passing. No cry was raised, and no clue has yet been found to the aggressor or the motive which could have impelled to the atrocious act but it is supposed to a spirit of revenge, that passion which first and last has made so many victims in Italy.

THE DEATH OF MAMIANI.

The death of JOSEPH MAZZINI, at Pisa, has made a profound impression upon the whole Italian community. It is the end of the career of one who has figured more conspicuously than almost ady other, during the long period of forty years, in the cause of Italian independence and unity. In Parliament notice has been taken of the event by resolutions of sympathy, and in the organs of political parties of every shade of opinion a tribute has been paid to the sincerity and devotion of the dead patriot to the national cause.

AN AMERICAN CHURCH.

The past week, ground has been purchased for the new church edifice, to be erected for the congregation of Americans worshipping in Rome. As is very well known, for a number of years the American and English Episcopal Churches have been indifferently accommodated in some old buildings refitted for the purposes of religious service, outside the Porta del Popolo. The Papal Government need such means as it could to keep Protestant worship under law, and established for it a sort of Ghetto, in a place nearly as dirty as that of the Jews. It is in the neighborhood of the hog-market, which is an old ornament to the classical entrance to the patrician Villa Borghese. These congregations have increased to so great an extent of late years, that the greatest inconvenience has been found in getting the throng of carriages, and people on foot, through the city gate. But the inconvenience is soon to be removed, for the English as well as the American Society is taking steps to build a church edifice worthy the respectability of the nation. The Americans have got the start, as well toward one-half of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, the estimated outlay, is already raised. The lot selected is on the new Via Nazionale, as it is called, which promises to be the finest street in Rome. The new avenue, which is only as yet partly built up, runs, or is to run, from the great railway station now in progress, a mile or two, until it reaches a point somewhere near the upper end of the Corso, or near the Palazzo Doria. The theory is that the quarter in the region of the ruins of the baths of DIOCLETIAN, now in progress of being laid out, is to be the social as well as business centre of new Rome. It may be so, but our opinion is that the future city is to rise on the other side of the Tiber. As for the new American Church, the projectors seem to have in view, and very properly, not only to have a place of worship suited to the needs of the American visitors to Rome, but to build an edifice, which, if not imposing in its proportions, will at least possess in its architecture such a character as will make it serve as a monument to mark the fact of the great historic change which we have witnessed. The English in their building will have the same purpose in view. The services of an English architect, Mr. STREET, skilled in designing religious buildings, have been secured by both societies, and he is now examining the ground and making plans. The corner-stone of the American church will before long be laid. It is an interesting fact to make note of, that not long ago the Prince HOHENLOHE said to Rev. Mr. NEVIN, the rector of the American chapel, "When you are ready to consecrate your ground by a religious function, if you will give me notice I will be present at the ceremony." There are now about a dozen foreign religious societies with places of worship here, and not far from that number of Evangelical associations, as they are called, formed among Italians themselves. Several of the political journals, published daily, take up openly the Protestant side, and language of a pretty lively tone is frequently used, and thus the work goes on.

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## GERMANY.

### The Schools Inspection Bill—Consequences of Its Passage—New Steps in the Polish Question—Additional Measures Concerning Religion—Government and the Jesuits—Action of the Clergy.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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The Schools Inspection bill is too important a measure to be swept from the tapis in a week or two. The great hero of the struggle, Prince BISMARCK, has, indeed, retired to his newly-acquired estates in Lauenburg to repose on his laurels in that beautifully-wooded country, which marks an Empire's thanks to its benefactor, and it is his special desire that no affairs of State shall reach him in his rural retirement. But here, and all over the country, all is astir still with the great question and the after-reflection to which it has given rise. Some irritation is displayed on the vanquished side; a leading Berlin clergyman—a Protestant—has cut his colleagues the undignified example of resigning his school inspectorship in a pet. The *Cross Gazette*, being the organ of the Six-contented Ultra Conservatives, is also in danger of losing its semi-official character, which has hitherto secured it a great number of readers. At least the *North German Gazette*, whose character as Prince BISMARCK'S personal organ is in dispute, announces that the paper which has distinguished itself by invidious attacks on Government, must not expect any more official communiqués. The *Provincial Correspondenz*, which is the most favored of official prints, reads the Upper House another "inspired" lecture, the arguments advanced in which prove on what a slender basis Prussian constitutionalism rests, though the cause advocated is doubtless just. The *Correspondenz* brands it as an enormity that a House which was created for the sole purpose of supporting Government, should dare to offer any objection. It is hardly doubtful now which of the two motives induced the no